



Services to vulnerable Indian Communities

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OFERR'S EXPERIENCE WITH DISASTER RELIEF & REHABILITATION 1984-ONGOING

- RELIEF & REHABILITATION ETHNIC CONFLICT/ CIVIL WAR SRI LANKAN TAMIL REFUGEES -1984 –ONGOING
- FUNDED BY: Christian Aid- U.K, BPRM GRANT- USA Catholic Relief Services (US GOVERNMENT FUNDING) Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP)- AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING, ECHO (European Commission Humanitarian Aid), United States GOVERNMENT SMALL GRANTS, Church of Sweden- SWEDEN, SAVE THE CHILDREN- INDIA, World Council of Churches AUSTRALIA, Dan Church Aid- DENMARK, Eucuminical scholarship program- GERMANY, Dutch Interchurch Aid- NETHERLANDS, Episcopal Relief Development- USA, ICCO NETHERLANDS, TOMS Shoes USA, PWRDF CANADA, Visions Gobal- USA, KIOS- FINLAND, Chelvanayagam Foundation- USA, Shanthi Kandiah & Brahmal Vasudevan - MALAYSIA, ACT FOR PEACE- AUSTRALIA,
- RELIEF & REHABILITATION TSUNAMI INDIAN VULNERABLES 2004 2013 FUNDING PARTNERS – Christian Aid, Dan Church Aid, CHURCH OF SWEDEN, PWRDF- CANADA, ECHO – European Commission Humanitirain Aid
- RELIEF & REHABILITATION THANE CYLONE REFUGEES Dec 2011 Dec 2012 FUNDING PARTNER: CHRISTIAN AID- U.K
- RELIEF & REHABILITATION CHENNAI FLOODS INDIAN VULNERABLES- Dec 2015-ONGOING – FUNDED BY NADIGAR SANGAM CHARITABLE TRUST, INDIA



Distributed **relief items** in over **147 slums and villages in Chennai and Cuddalore** raising over **THREE CRORE INDIAN RUPEES (3,00,00,000 INR)** worth of **Relief items** in two months and reaching approximately **Two lakh & fifty thousand** Flood affected **beneficiaries** (54,568 families)









350 OFERR STAFF & 300 LOCAL VOLUNTEERS UNLOADING, ITEMIZING & PACKING RELIEF SUPPLIES

DON BOSCO SCHOOL Relief Center Chennai PRESIDENCY COLLEGE Relief Center Chennai

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY Relief center Chidambaram









OfERR Medical unit coordinator Dr. Natdaraja instructing volunteers on taking inventory & organizing Medicines donated for flood victims

Rubicon Advertising Agency professionals, Policemen, students & women's' groups unloading and loading lorry loads of relief Sri Lankan Tamil Refugee volunteers from the Refugee camps packing baby kits, women's kits, men's kits, household & sanitation kits, bedding kits.

Students & Professors packing utensils kits and dry food kits.

DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF ITEMS IN FLOOD AFFECTED VILLAGES IN CHENNAI & CUDDALORE



OfERR New programs Director Miss. POONGKOTHAI CHANDRAHASAN distributing dry foods and utensils in Kondangi village in chennai



OfERR Chennai Region Coordinator Mr.Suresh distributing stove





OfERR staff Mr. Saravanan distributing utensil kits donated by Infosys, in Kumaramangalam village

OfERR staff Mr. David distributing baby mattresses to mother with babies

REHABILITATION INITIATIV

While Distributing Relief Supplies OfERR identified 30 Villages in Chitabaram (Cuddalore District) & Chennai which were desperately in need of rehabilitation interventions, plaqued with poverty & alarming school dropout rates.

OfERR and Nadigar Sangam signed an MOU and began **REHABILITATION Initiatives with the following goals :**

• **EMPOWER** the underprivileged village students through **EDUCATION** Initiative

• ALLEVIATE POVERTY by training the women in various income generation LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES,

 Conduct HEALTH AWARENESS and COUNSELLING for chronic patients, disabled persons, & village people

 Promote ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION & **CLEANLINESS** by **PLANTING TREES, CLEANING DRIVES**, repairing & cleaning existing community TOILETS etc

•FUTURE PLANS: Build COMMUNITY CENTERS, Repair or **REBUILD FLOOD DAMAGED HUTS, BUILD individual TOILETS** - this is only possible When funds and Government permissions are procured



Nadigar Sangam Charitable Trust



OFERR

(Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation)

Cordially invite you to a launch of

"MAKKALUKAAGA NAAM"

(A unique initiative with a vision to bring new hope and confidence to those who lost their normalcy in the recent natural disaster)

Date	31st December, 2015 (Thursday)		
Time	03:00 PM onwards		
Venue	5/408, Dr. Subramaniyan St, Annai Indira Ninaivu Nagar, Pammadukulam Post, Red Hills, Chennai 52. (For Directions Please call R.Anbubalan 9176121945)		

Renowned actor Karthi, Trustee of Nadigar Sangam Charitable Trust and other office bearers & Ms. Poongkothai Chandrahasan DIRECTOR (new programs) OfERR will be having an interactive session with the people who lost their normalcy and give them hope and relevant materials to move forward in the New Year

Please join us for refreshments thereafter

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ACTOR KARTHI with POONGKOTHAI CHANDRAHASAN DIRECTOR (new programs) OfERR in Chennai giving relief and conducting a PRESS CONFERENCE on OfERR and NADIGAR SANGAM's rehabilitation efforts . Dec 31st 2015



ACTOR VISHAL with POONGKOTHAI CHANDRAHASAN, DIRECTOR (new programs) OfERR in CUDDELORE giving relief things and conducting a PRESS CONFERENCE announcing the launch of OfERR and NADIGAR SANGAM's Rehabilitation Initiative. Jan 4th 2016

OFERR REFUGEE EDUCATION, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & HEALTH STAFF CONDUCTED A 10 DAY NEEDS ASSESSMENT IN THE 30 VILLAGES BEFORE FINALIZING THE INTERVENTIONS



OfERR Chennai Region Coordinator Mr.Suresh conducting needs assessment with Govt. Officials, Village Leaders and villagers



OfERR Women Empowerment staff Mrs. Santhiny conducting assessment among women & self help groups



OfERR education staff Mr. Sarvanan discussing with Government teachers about education programs to implement for the village children



OfERR health worker Mr.Vishvalingham collecting data of chronic patients



OfERR volunteer Mr. Velaimurugan taking shoe sizes of the students



OfERR Senior Counsellor Mr. Sebamallaimuthu conducting home visits & collecting family wise details

EMPLOYED 36 VILLAGE STAFF & 5 SRI LANKAN TAMIL REFUGEES AS ADMIN STAFF



FLOOD RELIEF AND REHABILITATION BRANCH OFFICE opened in MAY 2016 in Chidamabara, CUDDALORE



Ms. Thenmozhi Women Empowerment Coordinator, Conducting women empowerment training of new staff.



Ms. Poongkothai DIRECTOR (new programs) conducting Job Interviews



Mr. Padmanaban Education Coordinator conducting Teachers Training of new recruits



Dr. Xavier Raj - Director CKP center for Excellence, Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA) & Advisor/ Resource Person OfERR instructing the newly recruited staff on Roles & Responsibilities



Mr. Amarnath, Coordinator of OfERR's Flood Relief & Rehabilitation Program conducting the monthly monitoring and review of local staff in OfERR's Chidambaram Office



OFERR IS CURRENTLY RUNNING 27 VILLAGES TUTION CENTERS WITH 1200 STUDENTS



Mr. Ekambaram winner of President's award for Best Teacher at the OfERR's Tuition Center in Valam Village



OfERR Staff Mr. Ranjith (pursuing Phd. in English) conducting Spoken ENGLISH Classes in Arulmozhidevan Village



OfERR Director (new programs) Ms. Poongkothai conducting a monitoring visit of tution Center in Keerapallayam Village

PUBLIC LAND REQUIREMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD COMMUNITY CENTERS IN THE VILLAGES



- 10 tuition centers have no roofs or are conducted under trees. If it rains the children cannot sit there.
- We need to build a basic community center in each village with a toilet.
- This Community Center will be used in the daytime for the women's livelihood training and computer skills training and in the evening as a tuition center for the students.
- Each Village panchayat has undertaken to approach Government Officials and take responsibility to procure the land for their Village Community Center

DROPOUT STUDENTS IDENTIFIED WITH AGARAM FOUNDATION'S SUPPORT: FOR VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING



OfERR teacher Ms Sinduja in EB Erakkam village collecting data of school drop-outs



Agaram team and OfERR identifying drop-out students in each village





OfERR Staff, Agaram volunteers & Anna University distance education superintendent Mr. Kamaraj counseling the students



Agaram team and OfERR staff conducting home visits



Agaram team and OfERR meeting with the parents and village leaders



OfERR staff Mr. Sarvana giving a speech about OfERR's work at the Agaram Foundation meeting in Chennai with ACTOR SURYA

CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT IN EVERY VILLAGE



Conducted training and set up CHILREN'S PARLIMENT IN EVERY VILLAGE, an effort for students to become socially conscious and become leaders, representing their village needs to relevant government authorities and organizing cleaning drives, health awareness exhibitions etc.







25,000 FREE SCHOOL NOTEBOOKS DISTRIBUTION



OfERR DIRECTOR (new programs) Poongkothai Chandrahasan and Annamalai University Vice Chancellor distributing note books





Students walking to tution Center with their FREE NOTEBOOKS









10,000 FREE SCHOOL SHOES DISTRIBUTED



WOMEN: LIVELIHOODS TRAININGS FOR INCOME GENERATION



TAILORING









ENVIROMENTAL CONSERVATION



OFERR FOUNDER and Revenue Developement Officer of Chidabaram planting trees







Ms.Poongkothai chandrahasan and Anna University professors planting trees



HEALTH & SANITATION & COUNSELING



OfERR counsellor Mr.Sebamalai conducting a group counselling session with students & their mothers in Kothankovil village





OfERR construction consultant Mrs. Caryll Toser inspecting the Government Toilet Cluster in Thillaividangal village which needed repairs & instructing OfERR staff and village leaders on the repairs to be carried out. Following which OfERR staff galvanized the Village people to clean the septic tank before embarking on repairs



OfERR Women Empowerment staff Mr.Shanthini conducting home visits about Women's health







Children's Parliment leaders and tution center students cleaning their village with their parents

DIASTER RISK REDUCTION: PLANNING, PREPARDNESS, PREVENTION, RELIEF

- The Collector, Cuddalore has requested that all Officials Civil societies and Ngos be prepared for 6 cyclones that may hit Cuddalore in December 2016.
- The Government Officials appreciating OfERR/Nadigar Sangam Relief & Rehabilitation work have asked us to join hands with them and submit our plan for DRR to the Collector.
- OfERR has put together a team of:
- 30 OfERR staff, Nadigar Sangam Actors & Annamalai University Professors.
- 70 Indian students, 50 Sri Lankan Tamil refugee students.
- 150 village volunteers have been identified and they are currently receiving Disaster Risk Reduction Training, so that in the eventuality of a cyclone or flood they can immediately go into implementation mode.
- These Village Volunteers will then conduct Disaster Risk Reduction workshops in every village along with OfERR Staff



Example of data collected for village level Disaster Risk Reduction team in Govindanallur village

OFERR & NADIGAR SANGAM RISK REDUCTION TEAM

MEDICAL TEAM	FUND RAISING TEAM	NETWORKING BETWEEN GOVT. OFFICIALS, POLICE	WAREHOUSING, PACKING & DISTRIBUTION	MEDIA & COMMUNICATION TEAM
OFERR Joint Treasurer MRS.AHEILA, Medical Unit Coordinator DR.NADARAJA	OFERR Director new programs MS.POONKOTAHI NADIGAR SANGAM	& VILLAGERS OFERR Education & Women Coordinators	OFERR Chennai Region coordinator MR.SURESH & Flood Relief Rehabilitation Coordinator MR.AMARNATH	OFERR Coordinator Communications MR.KANDIPAN & P.R.O MR.SUNDARAPANDIYAN
NADIGAR SANGAM EC MEMBER ACTOR PASUPATHY	GENERAL SECETARY ACTOR VISHAL	MR.PATHMANATHANMS. THENMOZH	OfERR CUDDALORE STAFF	NADIGAR SANGAM EC MEMBER SINGER HEMACHANDER
 OfERR REGIONAL HEALTH WORKERS: Mr.Rajendren, Mr.Karthic,Ms.Kowshalya, 	 OfERR CUDDALORE STAFF Mr.Ranjithkumar ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR: 	 OfERR CUDDALORE ASST. COORDINATOR: Mr.Saravanan 	Mr.Parthepan ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR: Dr.Saravanagandhi	OfERR CUDDALORE P.R.O Mr.Arul ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR: Dr.Kamaraj
 Ms.Suthitha Putting together Teams of Doctors & Hospitals & Collecting Medicines & Medical supplies, bleaching powder, chlorine tablets etc Organizing medical camps & First aid camp 	 Dr.Balamurgan Collecting funds & Relief Supplies and from companies 	UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR: : Dr.Prabu Dass	 Loading & unloading supplies Maintaining inward & outward inventories of Relief supplies received & distributed 	 Photographing, writing press releases / social media updates/whatsap
	 and the public. Networking with restaurants to donate food packets & allow the use of their kitchens Organizing supply collection drums in schools, colleges & companies 	 150 village volunteers already signed up in 30 villages 	 Packing : dry food kits, women kit, men kits, baby kits & utensil kits etc 70 university student volunteers have already signed up, 50 Refugee camp volunteers have already signed up 	 messages and sharing these with fund raising team & Nadigar sangam actors to share on social media to reach general public Update the Media,