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## Summary of Jaffna visit – May 24-26<sup>th</sup> 2022

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Accompanied by Mr Mathuraimani

### 1. Visited Abayam free medical clinic at Anaikottai

- Free clinic was in session
- Spoke to the doctor, nursing staff and others
- Several patients were waiting to see the doctor .Some days patients are sent back to due the large numbers to be seen by a single doctor.
- Reviewed pregnancy packs – several of them were awaiting to be donated to underprivileged mothers Visited Abayam Medical Clinic





### **3. Visited Jaffna teaching hospital**

a. Met Dishanthan who coordinates Abayam projects and finances  
Discussed current projects with him

b. Met cardiologist, Dr Luxman about the funding allocated for essential medications. According to him they have been using medications that were pre-ordered for year 2022 currently, he expects severe shortage in August/September. He will contact Dr Parthipan about the needed medications in August/September.

c. Met with Abayam counselling team Dr Gohilan and Miss Sri, the counsellor. According to the counsellor number of calls coming to the helpline has been increasing after the recruitment of the field officer. Discussed expanding the psychology counselling service



#### **4.Visit to school about Abayam woman school project.**

Met with Chundukully principal Ms Dushy. Discussed Abayam women's school mental health project. School survey results were discussed with the principal and plans for future endeavours. Suggested an educational video as a helpful resource as every student and teacher have mobile devices with internet access making this an attractive option.

