

Report on Abayam Visit to N&E Sri Lanka 18 –28th January 2022

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Institution	Notes on visit	Donations made	Requests
Day 1 – 18th January 2022			
Pre-school Muthallaikudha, Kokkaddi Cholai	This is a new pre-school in a poor area in Muthallaikudha, Kokkaddi Cholai. This was built and looked after by World Vision for 15 years and they have now left. The village people approached us to support them. There are 52 students and they all came to meet us with their parents and village people - total of around 150 people.		Need to help in paying for the teachers, electricity and water. We need Rs 30,000 per month to support this.
39th colony GTM school, Selvapuram, Periyaporativu near Ampara border.	This is one of the major schools we have been supporting for the last 2 years. We met pupils, teachers and parents today. There were a total of 162 students.	We funded a smart class room and a small science lab and both have been functioning for the last few months but these were officially opened by the students in an opening ceremony today.	They also asked us to support in building a small shed for a library.
Mahiladythevu hospital		We donated an oxygen concentrator, 2000 out-patient clinic books and we also opened the patient outdoor seating area.	

		All were funded by Abayam.	
Day 2 – 19th January 2022			
Kalmunai North Hospital-	459 bedded Base hospital - achieved 2nd place for the Productivity Award 2021 in Sri Lanka	Handed over 20 wheelchairs, 10 patient transfer boards and 5 spinal boards	
Met Kalmunai Youth Forum members - 7 of them.			They wanted us to help with the following (for education projects through Abayam and other projects through friends of Abayam): A) support for fishermen- they handed over a proposal B) supporting a school in a poor village - supporting 4 teachers - Rs 10,000/ month/ teacher There are 63 students C) supporting transportation for poor students to and from school - either providing bicycles or 3 wheeler transfer (owning or hiring)
Thirukkovil zonal education office	Visited Thirukkovil zonal education office and met the Director	Met 12 students with their parents - these students were supported with Rs 5000 every month for the last 24 months by the Abayam Youth forum- they are sitting their A/L exam in 2 weeks time.	We already agreed to fund a chemistry teacher for evening 8-12 classes per month , payment for teacher - Rs 4000/ class Need your support. They want to renovate a hall to have a big smart class room and to furnish

			<p>this for a total of 139 A/L students from 5 schools in Thirukkivil zone to provide extra teaching sessions for classes for A/L students science and mathematics students.</p> <p>Approximate cost is £7000</p> <p>Need support.</p>
Thirukkivil hospital	Visited Thirukkivil hospital and met and discussed with doctor and matron.		They want support for their blood bank
New Arow centre.	Run by women for women in Batticaloa. A friend of Abayam already funded a cashew nut project 2 years ago and this is on-going.		They requested us to fund for the handloom projects by buying more weaving machines and a shed. We will try to find a sponsor outside Abayam to help.

Day 3 – 20th January 2022

Palchennai school in Vakari	<p>Abayam women fully funded for an excellent smart classroom- excellent feedback from principal, Mr Navaretnarajah, vice principal, Mr Uthayakumar, and teachers.</p> <p>They gave a live demonstration for us and they have been using this for almost one year and they mentioned that students use this from 7 am to 8 pm. A/L students from 7 schools from 11 villages do come and use this facilities regularly. This was officially opened today by students and parents.</p>		<p>They also asked us to provide a photocopy machine (current one is 15 years old and not fully functioning) (Rs 175000) and a speaker for smart class (Rs 5000)</p> <p>We will see if Abayam women would be able to support these.</p> <p>They also asked us if we are able to support the renovation of their hall (painting, repairing the doors and windows and the electric sockets/ switches)</p>
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Palchennai Pre- school	<p>There are 40 children but does not have a building- There is a building which needs further structural development including netting the walls and painting (initial work was done by the government and roofing was done by World Vision).</p> <p>There are 2 teachers each paid Rs 4000 from the money from students (students who are able to pay, gives Rs 300 per month)</p>		<p>This is a very good project to help these 40 students and we need to help them. Need sponsors.</p>
Abayam free clinic at Kaddimuruvukulam	<p>Abayam sponsors one needy A/L student for her education; her mother works at this clinic.</p>		
Arunthathi Vidyalayam , Kandaladi , Vakari	<p>Met students, teachers and parents.</p> <p>We have been helping this school in the last 2 years and one of our members has been funding this school including sponsoring a teacher and other activities and materials.</p> <p>Due to this grade 5 students achieved >80% pass rate.</p>		<p>They requested for a smart TV or multimedia facilities.</p>
Abayam pre school Puthur, Kathiraveli in Vakari	<p>Fully funded by JHC 1981 A/L batch.</p> <p>There are 15 students. Planning to start evening classes for schooling students and skill development/ training programme for parents.</p>	<p>Due to start the following work soon: Building a toilet Fencing Tube well We are also buying the following: Water bottles and lunch boxes Writing books - to improve hand writing Water filter</p>	

		Uniforms for students Toys for the playground	
Vakari hospital	Met doctors and nurses and hospital director. We helped them in the last 2 years by providing equipment and did medical clinics.		No further help requested.
Abayam pre school , Kallarappu, Verukal, North Vakari.	There are 9 pre school students and 26 students come for evening classes. 1 teacher provides pre school teaching and 2 teachers provide evening classes. Met parents, teachers and village head. We provide food for evening students.		We need to do the following: Fencing Cupboard Uniforms and bags Levelling the playground Electricity connection Toys for the playground Bicycle for 3 teachers. Village people also asked for the following: Umbrellas for their children. Exercise books. Shoes. We will try to provide these.
Vakari Mahavidyalam	Abayam's first visit to this school. Large amount of students dropped out. Total of 545 students and around 240 don't come. Cases of early marriage, drug and alcohol use and lack of food. These issues are too big for us tackle, so we won't be able to help.		
Day 4 – 21st January 2022			

<p>A school in the Central Camp area in the Ampara district.</p>	<p>It has 165 students , up to grade 9. Students are from very poor backgrounds, single parent, no parents, divided families, killed and displaced by 1990 riots. Very enthusiastic principal and vice principal. They feel if they could keep the children in the school until 8 pm, that will make them focus on their studies and prevent them getting into trouble by going into the bad areas in the evening and night.</p>		<p>They requested the following: 1. Extra classes for grade 9,8,7 until 8 pm. We agreed for this. 2. Photocopy machine (with colour printer) as the current photocopy machine is old and not working - we agreed 3. Extra classes for grade 5 students for scholarship teaching with a glass of milk - we agreed 4. Students with very poor family background- to support the families with Rs 25000 for them to start a small independent profit making jobs for 20 families. Not agreed, pending discussion by Abayam committee.</p>
Day 5 – 22nd January 2022			
<p>Sampur, Muthur</p>	<p>Met Mrs Pravina who is a midwife and is our Abayam coordinator for this region.</p>	<p>Handed over 11 baskets of material/utensils for 11 pregnant ladies. Cost is Rs 8128/ basket.</p>	<p>We are planning to increase this to 20 baskets next month. This project is funded by Abayam women. One of our Abayam members is funding this project for the first three months through Abayam women.</p>
<p>Vipulanandar Vidyalayam , Kaddaipparichchan</p>	<p>Met with Principal and vice principal</p>		<p>They requested us to fund the weekend maths and science classes for grade 8 and 9 students (weekly 12</p>

			<p>classes, Rs 500 per class) and also for English classes for primary students (Rs 10000) and Rs 2000 for supervision. Total cost is Rs 42,000/ month We agreed to help. Need support.</p> <p>They also asked us for nutritional support/ food support for students. Rs 30 per day per student- high total cost and we did not agree to help.</p>
Met Seelan in Sampur, Muthur	Discussed to restart our project which we were doing for Elakkandai GTM Vidyalayam, to restart evening grade 5 scholarship classes - Rs 8000/ month and to restart the milk project - to give milk for everyone. Seelan agreed to work for us in this region.	Opened a small library for school students and village people. This project was funded by two of our Abayam members.	
Uyirilai Spinal Injury Unit, Mankulam.		We donated some items/ equipment in the past and as requested by them during our last visit, we also donated 2 surgical trolleys, one autoclave, 3 kidney trays, few artery forceps and an ENT set to them today	

Sampur			They also requested 3 cycles for poor students to travel to school.
Day 6 -23rd January 2022			
NTS (Nurses Training School) Jaffna	Met with newly qualified nurses who are currently undergoing 3 months of counselling training programme. Abayam members also conducted a one hour remote discussion/ interactive session with them. Abayam is sponsoring this programme.		
Barathipuram Education centre - Kilinochchi	Fully funded by one of our Abayam members - building of 2 classrooms, renovating other classrooms, fencing and ongoing cost for running the centre, including payment for teachers and administrator. Currently there are 187 students and 4 teachers. Unfortunately we couldn't have the opening ceremony as we planned because they had a Thai Pongal ceremony today.		
Pulliyamkulam School	Met with Mr Velu Periasami. We have done some infrastructural work and have been funding two teachers. Only 10 students in this school. Our involvement prevented the closure of this school. 2 new teachers have got appointed recently. So we are planning to use our two teachers in		

	teaching a group of 25 students (from 3 schools) in a village centre outside the schools. This project is funded by our Abayam member.		
Northern Province Abayam team meeting	<p>Discussed the current activities, finances and accounting.</p> <p>Participants: Dr Sathiyamoorthy- coordinator in charge Dr Ganesh - Overall in charge of all 4 Abayam free clinics Dr P Gohilan - Director, Abayam call service Dr Sriram - In charge of supervision and development of health and education activities Miss Sriranganayaky , Counsellor- supporting and developing the nurses counselling training programme and providing and developing counselling service in the Abayam call service Mr Dishanthan- Abayam programmes facilitator - accounting, reporting, communicating and arranging facilities Mr Mathuraimani- previous northern province Abayam coordinator Dr K Parthipan- Abayam president</p>		
Visited Iranaimadu area to meet Mr Rogers	He showed his land where he is planning to build a small building for Abayam to do a free medical clinic and run a pre school.		

	His family will also partly sponsor the running cost of these.		
Day 7 – 24th January 2022			
Point Pedro Base hospital	Met Dr Kamalanathan, Medical Superintendent. One of our members is keen to build/ renovate patients' toilets.		As their toilets are in good condition, they asked us to support the maintenance / repairing and cleaning of the toilets and approximate cost of this is Rs 50,000 per month. Our member has agreed to fund this by paying £10,000, which will cover the maintenance costs for 5 years.
Abayam Free clinic in Iyakkachi	Met with nurses in charge and had discussion. This clinic is fully funded by our Abayam member. This clinic is functioning very well due to very efficient nurse in charge.		
New Abayam mobile clinic at Uduthurai, Iyakachchi.	This is an extension of the Iyakkachi clinic. Fully funded by the same Abayam member who funds the Iyakachchi clinic.		
Abayam free clinic in Mayliddi.	Fully funded by Abayam member.		
Abayam free clinic in Annaicoddai	Funded from Abayam funds.		
Day 8 – 25th January 2022			
Nurses Training School (NTS), Teaching Hospital Jaffna	Discussed with all the tutors regarding training and Abayam support for them. We have been supporting their graduation ceremony/ awarding medals to them for the last 3 years.		They also asked us to support the ward managers training programme- end of course certification and awarding medals and we informed them that we will discuss with our

	<p>Visiting team had a short discussion with nursing students and also met all the students who received medals at their graduation ceremony last week. (Abayam funded them for the medals and cash rewards).</p>		<p>members and let them know. This is a national training programme and there were 64 nurses in the first batch 2021-2022 from Jaffna and all passed the assessment.</p>
<p>Met Dr Sivathas, consultant psychiatrist, Jaffna Teaching Hospital</p>	<p>Discussed our ongoing Abayam helpline service and nurses counselling training programme.</p>		<p>He also discussed his plan of him starting a child (mental) health service / weekly clinics and helpline for parents. He requested us to support this service by funding for 2 supporting counselling staff/ smart TV, book publishing and website creation. It is a good project and we should consider supporting him.</p>
<p>Santhai Sitampalm Vidyalayam in Pandatharipu</p>	<p>Met with principal, teachers and parents. This is the main school we have been supporting for the last 3 years. Currently we are paying for two teachers, providing food for pupils and providing regular classes for scholarship examination students.</p>		<p>We will also provide a simple renovation using second-hand materials for a 'library'.</p>
<p>Mahatma Gandhi community centre - village in Puttur East.</p>	<p>Met community leaders, students from the village and parents. With friends of Abayam, we supported students with exercise books/ instruments box, pen/ pencil. Provided 16 bicycles. Provided 21 tube wells (on a loan - monthly</p>	<p>During this visit we again handed over education materials to the students.</p>	<p>Village leaders asked us to support evening classes for 3 subjects and one Abayam well-wisher has agreed to support this.</p>

	they will repay the money).		
Uyarapulam Gunapalan Vidyalayam, Annaicoddai	Visited at request of principal. Problems in management of school.		They requested us to support them in many areas including purchasing a photocopier machine. Need further discussion/ visits/ review before decision making.
Day 9 – 26th January 2022			
Moonrumurippu GTM School in Naddankandal, Mullaithevu district.	Grade 1-5 Total of 17 students. Principal and 2 teachers. Excellent principal who supervised Abayam building the teachers' accommodation at Vinayagapuram school. We requested him to be the Abayam coordinator in this region and he kindly accepted this without expecting any financial support.		He requested us to provide a computer for his school and we should consider this.
Panankamam Moonrumurippu GTM school, Naddakandal , Mullithevu district.	29 students. Principal and 3 teachers. Good teaching activities and exam outcome.		Principal requested us to provide a photocopier machine.
Vinayagapuram GTM school in Mallavi, Mullaithevu district.	Grade 1 to grade 11 Total of 109 students and 11 teachers. Very good teaching activities and keen teachers. We have done many things for this school. One Abayam member fully funded the building of the teachers' accommodation. Abayam women team funded the smart classroom , renovated the		They requested the following from us : 1. Evening and weekend extra classes for grade 6-8 students for science, mathematics, English and computer classes 2. Water pump for the well 3. Fence for 50 meters around the female and male toilets.

	<p>science lab, equipping the computer lab and is providing ongoing internet connection.</p>		<p>We are waiting for the proposal and estimate. Abayam member who built the teachers' accommodation may be able to sponsor these. Abayam women team is planning start the online English and music classes</p>
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