

Highlight Feb 2025

## 1. Leadership Training Batch IV - Killinochchi. (Seminar No: 2)



Last year NTI Board made a bold decision to expand the activities in Killinochchi areas, while maintaining the programs already started in Jaffna. Hence the NTI search team visited many villages in the peninsula and Killinochchi area. Earlier when we realized that it would be difficult to pay the POs within the allocation of project budget, we approached Angela Paul who helped us to meet the need.

Learning from the past we decided to introduce a new level of volunteer staff who will receive reimbursement of their direct expenditure only. They are called Branch Representatives, BR. There are 05 POs and 08 BRs working in Palai and Kilinochchi areas. Senior POs provided leadership for an allowance. Second seminar was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Karunaniliyam attended by 31 persons.

Resource persons six senior POs and five Branch Reps BR were happy to start the long Journey by 5 am from their homes in remote villages





Participants and Resource persons were recognized for their special leadership support.

No	Villages in Killinichchi area	From Jaffna town	PO:Project Officer BR: Branch rep	Activities	No families & Beneficiaries
01	Ethavil : Palai	60km	Menaka	Poultry	<b>R 200 - B 20</b>
02	Yakkachi ; Palai	60km	Gowsalya	Poultry	150 - 20
03	Thirunagar North	55Km	Asha	Poultry- HGP Herbal oil	400 - 25
04	Thirunagar South	59Km	Kalaichelvi	Poultry . HGP	300 - 30
05	Ponnagar Kn	62km	Devika	Poultry HGP	400 - 20
06	Selvapuram Kn	65Km	Poomalar	HGP	Will begin when funds are received
07	Vivekanandanagar Kn	61Km	Kalista	poultry	200 - 20
08	Malayalapuram	62Km	Malarselvi	HGP	800 - 20 Selected
09	kirushnapuram	65Km	Prutha/Manoji	HGP	500 - 20 "
10	Vinayagapuram	60Km	Mohana	Getting ready	500 - 20 "
11	Ottupulam	65Km	Kumuthini	HGP	500 - 20 "
12	Santhapuram	60Km	Yalini	HGP	Will begin when funds are received
13	Uthayanagar .	65km	Sothimalar	HGP	" "

Summary of NTI development activities in Killinochchi area.

2. **Review and planning meetings:** There were two Review and two Planning whatsapp meetings were held in February from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Gobi the Chairperson was online with them throughout the meeting to guide them. Prashanthini PO Tholpuram chaired three meetings to plan the Branch exhibition at Tholpuram. Although much labour was put in due to unfavorable weather condition for one long week it was postponed to 13<sup>th</sup> March.



PO Tholpuram.

### 3. Training of Trainers for NTI POs

Well known TOT is provided to our POs and BRs in whatsapp meetings. This Training of Project Officers (TOP) is voluntary for POs and any person interested to follow. So far two sessions of three hours each sessions were held and recorded 25 persons in attendance at each meeting. Study materials were presented on 1. NTI Value, 2. Marketing 5Ps 3, Be...Do... Have... .

### 4. Monthly meetings of NTI, Branches :

Exclusive reports on Branch meetings were published in Jan 25. Since then three Branches of Navaly Kaupulam and Pandavedai had their Branch meetings.

### 5. Self-employment promotion:



NTI has been able to promote beneficiaries in producing herbal hair oil, Chili , turmeric and coriander powder, sweets cordial, dairy and Palmyra products. They followed necessary training at the state institutions. NTI introduced an exhibition and sales which helped the entrepreneurs to pursue on monthly basis.. Hence decided to hold Branch level market to display their product and sell them. A roster has been prepared Tholpuram branch held it successful market.

### 6. . Challenging ideas from Prabhath USA.

Prabhath has been with the NTI since 2019 and supported with money and material. He gave 100 layers for two villages and financial support for a Project Officer to cultivate Onion. His plans are many and he continues to motivate the POs.. Recently he proposed to launch cashew cultivation in Jaffna and provide necessary knowledge and capital. NTI is also in touch with Nidharson former, Regional Manager, Cashew Corporation. He said a seedling will cost Rs;365/ will require 35 to 36 ° C , with 2,536 effective sunlight hours, harvest after 5 years. Prabhath will also provide more information on cashew cultivation..





## 7. Vocational training and Supplementary Education:

- a) Slojana of Moolai completed her one year nursing training and honored at the capping ceremony recently. Thanks to Ps. Reginald of the Tamil Church of God in UK . NTI is identifying another deserving feemale applicant to solicit funds up to Rs:80,000
- b) Saranja, former PO at Naval Branch, now BR and nursery teacher, obtained the National certificate in Pre school -Teacher NVQ level 4 from the Vocational Training authority VTA)



- c) Educational support to O/L and A.L students have been suspended since March 2024. NTI has four students (Jaffna 01 & Killi 3) to support Rs;5000 per month for 10 months in 2025. Support required is Rs; 250,000/

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