

Highlight Feb 2024

A competitive review and reward of the Home Gardening Project (HGP)



POs from Moolai, Navaly and Puthumadam are on an inspection at the field. Produces from Moolai Puthumadam , Navaly and Tholpuram branches are displayed

Enthusiastic POs decided to carry out a competitive assessment on the outcome of the HGP. To make it participatory approach, assessment was carried out together with POs from neighbouring branches. It turned out to be a community event and for the POs a tiresome but enjoyable exercise. Except Kadupulam branch, nearly 100 selected beneficiaries in all the five branches in the peninsula were visited and successful gardeners were given a token appreciation of Rs;1000 each.

Taxation for NTI in 2024

NTI a none profit making registered company No: PV121637 and till No;2022 . 09.30. It was paying tax for all donations 3% of the 24%. For the year 2024 it will have to pay 3% of the 30%. Hence stringent measures have been recommended to curtail expenses. As the cost of stationery and replacement to office equipments are soaring high steps have been taken to minimize usage and make use of private communication office. A study and review are on going to make further controls.

Leadership Batch II

The second series of Leadership Seminar for the 52 participants including POs was held on 10th Feb at the main centre at Navalv. Participants comprised representing six Branches and seven new villages namely Araly North and South, Siththankeny, Panagam, Ponnalai, Kalvilan and Manipay.

Leadership course will provide six seminars in six months. Each seminar will last for four hours. In addition there will be project work, dissertations and presentation on a guided subject. Certificates will be issued to those complete the requirements. At the first day session, Gobi provided leadership and the POs shared their experiences and achievements.

All the 32 new participants also expressed their hopes and aspirations to be a pro-leader.



Murunga project t (Drumstick)



Photos: 1 year sapling

1 year stem

stem planted at nursery.

Murunga project was moved by the NTI in 2023. Initially 100 saplings and 100 stems were distributed more than one year ago. It is now ready for producing yield. NTI will continue to promote supplying seedlings. Murunga augments immune system due to High contents of vitamin C and antioxidants. It helps to combat against common cold, flu and remove off several common infections. The anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties of Murunga assist in lessening the symptoms of asthma, cough, wheezing and other respiratory problems. So far 200 families have been provided with seeds, seedlings and stems. NTI supported project is being continued with. We earnestly hope that by this midyear there will be a good harvest.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/kvobYG13PYQ?si=AxjdHYq5oIQr68IM> (benefits of murunga)

NTI Beneficiaries meeting. - Moolai Branch,



NTI branches were asked to hold monthly beneficiaries meeting for sharing and learning. The Moolai Branch held its meeting on 17th Feb with 32 beneficiaries. Miss Thusikanthini PO from Navaly Branch was invited to address them. Beneficiaries discussed on their difficulties, and expressed the need of a kerosene oil water pump costing approximately Rs;100,000/. This is to be managed by the HGP committee of Moolai branch. NTI is pleased to recommend this project to donors for support. They also happily shared their resilient stories.

They decided to supply seeds and seedlings at cost to rest of the community members. HGP POs carried out this task, the following week.

Mookuththi Beans:

Mookuththi beans were harvested last week by Mrs. S.Thevika PO at Pon nagar Killinochchi.

On her own initiative Thevika planted this beans and when it was successful shared her joy of achievement. She will persuade many beneficiaries to adopt this home economy. NTI appreciates Thevika's initiative and success.



Pumpkin cultivation:

Many people evince interest in cultivating vegetables at home on seeing the benefits derived from the NTI/HGP. Here at Navaly a person had produced green pumpkins.



Seedlings supplied to Samurthy office, Navlay.

On request made by Mr.Muhunthan, the Samurthy Officer, Navaly, 25 vegetables seedlings were supplied by the NTI for distribution among their beneficiaries. The seedlings were donated by an individual.

Fast and improved communications among POs & NTI community;

There are several whatsapp groups established for effective communications. i.e. HGP, FRPK, NTI POs, Leadership Batch 2. Since management was broad based as per the need whatsapp monthly and fortnightly group meetings are held. NTI is glad to note the progress and outcome in the corporate management,

The NTI bicycle project;

This novel project is to repair the old bicycles and issuing them to deserving entrepreneurs and working NTI students . Thus far it has supported four deserving beneficiaries. When the new bicycle is sold at Rs;50,000 NTI was able to supply four reconditioned bicycles costing approximately Rs; 25,000 . We granted two bicycles free and two others at a nominal sum of Rs;10,000, monthly instalment of Rs;1000 only. The following four persons were granted these bicycles.



1. Ms.S.Sayanka
2. Mrs.K.Nirojana
3. Ms.K.Thushana
4. Mrs. V.Somariya.

1. Ms. s.Sayanka PO Pandavedai also part time staff at a private Hospital . She will pay Rs;10,000 in instalment basis.
2. Mrs.K.Nirojana Navaly mother of two children, works at a private dispensary. She lost her borrowed bicycle. She will get back to work and settle the pledge.
3. Ms.K.Thushana PO Pandaveddai. Also self employed, making curry powder . Bicycle is given free of charge.
4. Mrs. V.Somapriya PO Thirunagar Killinochi, Also self-employed making herbal hair oil. Bicycle is given free of charge

Ms.K.Kujenthini, Pandaveddai is supported in her ICT studies

Ms.Kujen thini sister of Ms,Thushana PO, Pandaveddai was selected by the NTI to support her 6 months ICT course level 4 at the Vocational Training Authority (VTA) Karainagar. Although her admission was put for the following batch, the NTI intervened and secured a place in the present batch.. The course fee with related other reimbursement and NTI management, the total cost will be Rs; 50,000/, We need a sponsor to support Ms.K.Kujenthini's ICT course.



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