

## Highlight March 2024

### Seven years of service: 2017 - 2024

Looking back at the seven years of hard journey we can only be proud of the partners support and the manifold services provided by the volunteers.

NTI started with one centre in 2017 and now it has expanded to 20 branched in Jaffna and Killinochchi district. Twenty project Officers are spear heading the vision and mission of NTI.

There are 700 beneficiaries in Home Gardening Project, HGP and Free Range Poultry Keeping, FRPK. Fifteen females set up their entrepreneur businesses. Thirty students completed their skill training and employed. Our Business English and ICT classes are continuing. Corona virus and economic situation made NTI to pivot to Sustainable Upliftment and Rural Empowerment (SURE) program. 154 students have gone through the formal classes from 2017 to date. NTI conducts ICT short courses for all the project Officers (PO) and a few others in spite of shortage of computer

NTI appreciates the selfless services rendered by the founder chairperson Mr.A.Gobinath for establishing the Institute, raising funds, training the staff and managing the program effectively. His vision to create more vol by Gobi's

friends. Capacitate the village folks conducted leadership Training programs



Monitoring visit to Killinochchi:

With grateful hearts we recognize the NTI partners

- From USA:** Dr.Thevanayagam, International Sustainable livelihood Foundation,(ISLF), Mrs.Angela Paul.Mr.V.Vijayezl Ms.N.Ananthy. Dr.R.S.Canagarajah, Dr.Balakumar, Mr., R.Prabhath, Mr.N.Shan Ms.S.Deepa, Mrs.P.Perampalam,
- From UK:** Pastor Kumar Reginold, Ms.P.Selvaratnam, The Caring hands., Ms.G.Thivakar, .
- From Canada:** Ms.R. Nilanthy, Mr. Valentine, Mr.N.Nadarajah, Mr.Ravi Canagasabey, Mr.P.Thavaratnam.
- From Sri Lanka:** Mr.R.Merideth, Comeshare foundation, Dr.Mrs.Kifaya,

### Events of yester years



1<sup>st</sup> English class @ Tholpuram.



Project evaluation @.Tholpuram



Mr.Pranhath visited Chulipuram



Dr.Thevanayagam ISLF,USA is @ NTI



Vadaliadaipu women's Society with NTI

## Project Officers (POs) Meeting with Ms. Angela Paul USA.



Monthly POs meeting held on 2/3/24 with Ms.A.Paul partner of NTI. She observed the proceedings and appreciated the good work done by all the POs. She also suggested to concentrate on sustainability of the project which will be managed by the beneficiaries ultimately. NTI is thankful to her for funding to retain the services of the POs.

Project Officers visited each of their 30 beneficiaries and submitted their reports within two weeks of the following month. These reports have been scrutinized carefully by Gobi and clarified at the subsequent POs meeting. Allowance is paid based on number of beneficiaries, visits to their homes, reported on the eight areas of progress. These methods of reporting makes the POs effective and motivate the beneficiaries to continue the operation success.

A competition was introduced among the beneficiaries of HGP and FRPK. POs from near by NTI Branch visited and recommended the winners including Killinochi and each of them were given a gift of Rs;1000/

## Leadership seminar Batch II



There were thirty-five participants registered for the Batch II and two leadership Seminars have been conducted so far on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> , & March 2nd, Seminars will continue for this second batch. Registration was sealed and participants strictly adhere to submission requirements. In put was made by Gobi the Chair and he made the POs to share their experiences and success stories. Group dynamics sessions and exercise on planning need based proposal also were carried out. Based on their submission of reports and assignment work certificate will be issued to participants. .

## Beneficiaries meetings:

Constant supervision by POs, dialogue among beneficiaries and creating common concern are the elements of success of the Projects. We ensured beneficiaries meeting once in three months. However they also meet when need arises. Two beneficiaries meeting were held in March.

Puthumadam Centre:



Ms.Preya PO HGP together with Ms,Pasanithi organised this event on 23rd March attended by 8 beneficiaries in time and two came after the meeting. They reported that the benefit was enormous and spend less to purchase vegetables. They also consumed nutritious food and helped others. As the climate changes drastically the vegetable price also escalate. Thanks to NTI for timely motivating the people to grow more food at home. Many non NTI persons are engaged in home gardening.

Navaly centre :



Ms.Thushikanthini PO HGP got 22 participant on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Meaningful discussion took placed. Reported that many wanted to join in this scheme two reported.

Gnanchelvan a neighbour sponsored the event with Rs: 5000. Seedlings and seeds were distributed to successful beneficiaries. Both meetings roused awareness and desire to join in the Home Gardening project. Both group decided to initiate action to collection seeds for distribution to beneficiaries.

### **Pon nagar Killinochchi**

Ms.S.Devika PO started the FRPK project. She visited the prospective beneficiaries and check the condition of the Poultry shed and sent necessary information to the NTI main Office.

Chicks ( 2 hens & 1 cockerel per family ) worth of Rs;77,000 were issued to 10 beneficiaries. Chicks were purchased with the recommendation of the Govt livestock officer Killinochchi.

### **Stress releasing Yoga exercise.**

This program was organised by Mr.Rames NTI Resource Person with the support of German friends at the Navay YMCA, Ten NTI POs attended and benefited. They will continue this exercise regularly to have relaxed mind.



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