

Educational Development Projects in Mullaithivu District

After School Tuition Centres in Mullaithivu District

There are nearly 1700 GCE O/L and 800 GCE A/L students in Mullaithivu district. Due to teachers shortages in Mullaithivu and loss of time due to teachers commuting from Jaffna, schools always struggle to complete the syllabuses mostly of all subjects. Students generally complement their school learning with after school tuitions by paying for private teaching at tuition centres. Some students, who can afford to spend, do travel to Jaffna during weekends and have private tuitions. Recent statistics on students numbers of GCE A/L in Mullaithivu district are given below.

G.C.E (A/L) STUDENT NUMBERS & RESULTS ANALYSIS AS At 31.12.2011

Stream	Educational Zone Mullaitivu			Educational Zone Thunukkai		
	No.Sat	No.Passed	%	No.Sat	No.Passed	%
Maths	47	23	49	5	3	33.3
Science	84	40	48	10	2	0
Commerce	162	113	70	13	5	55.6
Arts	352	252	72	148	122	
Total	645	428	66	176	132	88.9

Source:-Zonal Director of Education Office, Mullaitivu, Thunukkai

However, there are more disadvantaged students than well off in Mullaithivu district. Some students opt out of learning science subjects because of lack of funding to have private tuitions. It was therefore proposed by Mullaithivu District Educational Development Trust fund (MDEDTF) headed by Mr Vethanayagan, GA of Mullaithivu, that after school tuitions should be conducted at free of charge for these disadvantaged students. They also approached NGOs for financial support.

When AssistRR trustees visited Mullaithivu in March 2013, they were asked by MDEDTF, whether AssistRR could support after school tuitions and seminars to GCE O/L & A/L students in Mullaithivu District. AssistRR trustees considered this request and agreed to support this initiative as this is an important step towards enhancing the lives of people of this district.

AssistRR and Serendip Childrens Home are now jointly sponsoring an "after school tuition" programme in Mullaithivu district, which is organised by MDEDTF. The free tuition classes are being conducted with the assistance of local teachers to help GCE O/L & A/L students in this district. It is hoped that these centres will help the students and improve the educational standards in this district.

It has been decided by MDEDTF that initially this initiative will focus on Science, Maths and English subjects. The after school tuitions will be conducted in six centres in Mullaithivu zone and another eleven centres in Thunukkai zone for GCE O/L students and in two centres in Mullaithivu zone and another two centres in Thunukkai zone for A/L students. More centres are needed for O/L students in Thinukkai zone due to school locations, the distances from each other and commuting difficulties.

GCE A/L Crash Courses in Mullaithivu

Assist Resettlement and Renaissance (ARR) in partnership with Serendip Children's Home sponsored a two-day crash courses for GCE Advanced Level (A/L) students of Mullaithivu district to assist them with their A/L exams in August 2013. Teachers from Jaffna district conducted these courses on 10th & 11th July 2013 in Mullaithivu. These courses were organised by MDEDTF, who provided necessary logistics and transport to students from Thunukkai.



A teacher speaking at the crash course in Mullaithivu



A section of students at the crash course in Mullaithivu



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School Books donation to Ambalavan Pokkanai MV

People in Ambalavan Pokkanai are still trying to recover from the war effects and to rebuild their lives. They are very poor and are struggling to start a life. The principal of the local school Pokkanai MV invited AssistRR chairman to his school and showed him around. It was sad that this school had no toilets or a well. The principal asked AssistRR to construct well. AssistRR agreed to do this and then spoke to Mullaithivu GA, Mr Vethanayagan, who had later managed to arrange for the toilets and a well through an INGO.

The principal also made a request for school books for their library as the local families have no means of buying books for their children. AssistRR bought and donated nearly Rs30, 000 worth of books to the school library within a week.



Books donation ceremony at Ambalavan Pokkanai MV



Mullaithivu GA Mr Vethanayagan handing over books to Ambalavan Pokkanai MV



AssistRR chairman handing over books at the ceremony