

EWS Letter



From COODAL CIC U.K.

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Our commitment

We would like to keep connected with our grassroot members through newsletter on a regular basis by releasing our newsletter every three months. All Board, subcommittee members and our members of COODAL are given opportunity to contribute to this newsletter. If you would like to contribute in future, please contact Dr Shan facilitator (sella.dasan@gmail.com) for newsletter. We are conducting all our business and communication electronically (Zoom meetings, emails, WhatsApp's etc)

We should celebrate the amount of work done and the progress made by individual members and by members of our board and sub committees. This is the time to look back and reflect on our progress. We could plan our future from here. I thank all of our members for their active participation. Our history, aims and objectives of our charity had been explained in detail in our brochure, if you had not seen one please make a request electronically.

Types of membership available.

There are 4 types of memberships available to willing citizen. 1) Ordinary membership (membership fee paid monthly/quarterly/annually 2) Life membership (one off payment of £250.) 3) Student member membership is free for any student over the age of 16yrs. 4) Membership for overseas resident, this has got 2 categories a) Sri Lankan citizen living in Sri Lanka.(Membership is free) B) Sri Lankan born citizen, living/resident outside of Sri Lanka, life membership for one off payment of \$60 .

Membership form.

Please send the request to Shan at Sella.dasan@gmail.com. All steps of completing an application process shall be done electronically.

Structure of our Coodal, Board,directors and Board meetings .

There are 5 Board members, Dr Pushpam Moorthy (Secretary), Mr Jagendra Bose (Vice Chair), Dr Ratnam Gowribalan (Treasurer and project lead), Dr Manickam Raveendran and Shan Shanmugadasan (Chair).,in those 2 of them are also directors of the COODAL. They are Dr R. Gowribalan and Dr S.Shanmugadasan.

Our Board meetings and minutes.

Our board meetings are held monthly by Zoom links. Anyone can make a request to chair, if they wanted to participate in a monthly Board meeting. You could make a request electronically to the secretary if you want minutes of the meeting.

Annual General meeting and other events.

Agenda and minutes will be circulated electronically to the general membership in advance about any proposed AGM /special meeting or about any fundraising or social events

Our charity activity in Badulla district .

Subcommittee for project planning and Implementation is led by Dr R Gowribalan.(RG) We have chosen Badulla district as our first point for our charity activities. We have identified some 40 projects to help this year. Each project will cost £150.

Members of local villages, mostly lead by women had formed and registered their Co-operative societies (Tccs) locally at village level. They would be responsible for identifying their training needs, applying for projects and project management.

Our aim is to empower these families to lead a healthier life , where the future generation will get much needed education without hunger. We will ensure that these projects will have a low risk and every penny will go directly to the applicant. For more details on project and progress, please contact Dr Gowribalan on rgbalan@gmail.com.

Visit to Sri Lanka in January/ February 2024 by the chair of COODAL (SS).

SS had a privilege to visit Sri Lanka and to meet with our colleagues working in Co-operative sector and the village people who is/are going to participate in our projects in Badulla.

Visit to Badulla on 26/27 Jan 2024.

SS met members of our 3 Tccs separately (Aruvi, Sakthi and Vanavil) in 3 different villages and the members of Friendly ship foundation as the last event who are helping to form the societies and supporting and arranging training for these Tccs.

Meeting in Kilinochi by SS with Federation of NP Tccs on 29 January 2024.

I met with the office bearers of Federation of Tccs Northern Province. This meeting were attended by president/secretary/treasurer of each Divisional Tccs, namely from Kilinochi, Vavuniya, Mannar and Mullaitivu except from Jaffna. They all submitted a report from each outlining their structure, details about their TCCS and their financial position. They submitted SS their project plan to restructure failed Tccs SS had brought all of their reports, SS has to passed them to Dr Gowribalan, if any one wants to have a sight of them please contact RG.

Meeting of SS with Mrs Paramanathan, Secretary Jaffna Tccs.

SS had met her in their office in Jaffna on 31/1/24. She told SS that they have adequate funds for their Tccs. V4U had given them 25 lakhs which is in circulation. She submitted SS a Milk project, providing milk to children in 10 schools in poor areas run through Tccs. SS is looking for a donor. Project cost about £3500/year.

Inauguration ceremony , COODAL.

This is planned for 4th of May 2024. Please buy ticket for this event and lunch. We would appreciate your support and guidance. Let us get together and help our people in need in Sri Lanka. If you are not a member of COODAL, please join us and also support in our drive to recruit more members.

If you need any further information, please contact Shan on sella.dasan@gmail.com

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