

NEWS LETTER.



From COODAL CIC U.K.

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1) Inauguration meeting.

We are proud to report to you about our successful inauguration meeting held on 4 May 2024 in Hounslow at a Honey Moon Banqueting hall. This was very well attended by more than 120 people. SS (Shan) , chair gave a welcome speech in which he briefed about our aims and commitment to support our people in need in Hill country side, Eastern province ,Ampara and Jaffna district. He emphasised not everything as rosy as some people paint about the living standard in the rural part of our homelands. Dr Gowribalan (RG) gave a detail description about our purpose of helping people in our homeland. He explained that we are giving loans and not donations to accepted projects submitted in writing by the Tccs ,our basic functional unit for our work at the village level (Tccs-Co Operative societies formed at the village level). The loan is paid back, the money stays with the Tccs to help a new project/new application on a rotational basis. Coodal invited 6 charities (SCOT, CANE, Thirandal Middukku, Kuviyam, Ealing Amman Kovil Charity, Wycombe Education Charity) to honour and appreciate their charity work for our community in UK as well in Sri Lanka. Professor Sriharan gave his speech as chief guest, expanding on the need for real help to our people. Our first Student member Thanushiya also shared her/students, expectation from COODAL. Dr Pushpam Moorthy gave vote of thanks for all contributed and participated in the event.

Photos and Videos will be circulated to members and supporters soon in WhatsApp's, emails and social media.

2) Our projects

In Badulla District

We are progressing in our work in Badulla district with the support of Friendly ship Foundation, Badulla. All 5 Tccs has submitted their application to Dept of Cooperatives to register their membership. All Tccs had submitted their projects which are agreed by the project lead with the approval of the Board. They all have opened up a Bank account. Fund is also collected and ready to be transferred to the bank account of the respective TCCS. Bureaucratic delays in registering these Tccs for the last 3 months, are delaying the transfer of allocated funds. We are hoping all shall happen soon.

In North

We are still negotiating projects to start in Kilinochi and Vavuniya district. However our partnership organisation (HELP in hands) is successfully continuing their projects in Kilinochi district.

In East

We are not making much progress in East for various reason. Poor Local interest and response are the two of the main reasons. However, we are making progress slowly to recruit more villages for our work.

3) Current membership update

Total membership stands at 47. Members from UK are 36, Student members from Uk-4, Members from Sri Lanka 5, Members from Westen countries are 2. After our successful inauguration ceremony, we are planning to start a fresh initiative to recruit more members in UK as well as outside UK. We would appreciate if you could bring new members to Coodal particularly young and energetic, including more student members.

4) Our channels of communication with our members/supporters and partnership organisations.

We have a WhatsApp group for Coodal members which is used to update Coodal news time to time. Our quarterly news letter is the most important tool for updates. We are open to allow any members to participate in our Zoom, Board meetings which are mostly held every month. We have a e mail group for Coodal members to send messages and invitations such as our invitation to Inauguration meetings, newsletter and updates. We are open to any suggestions. We are considering starting up messaging through social media such as you Tube.

5) Our long term vision.

We would like to progress with our work in Badulla district with 5 Tccs first, with a hope to extend this further in Hill country side. Intense negotiations are going on about stating up projects in Kilinochi, Vavuniya and Mannar district

6) View of a student member

We are very keen to recruit more young members from Tamil University population. This section has been contributed by our first student member Miss Thanushiya Maheswaran who helped us a lot to recruit her friends from Universities. We need more younger generation to continue our work we have started.

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