

MICRO CREDIT LOAN FACILITIES FOR PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS' SOCIETY

Caritas EHED is a social arm of the Catholic Church affiliated to CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS through Caritas Sri Lanka (SEDEC) under Catholic Bishops' Conference of Sri Lanka, incorporated under the Special Act of Parliament – Religious Charitable Act No.17 of 1983. The Humanitarian activities of Caritas EHED Batticaloa functioning under the Chairmanship of Most. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kingsley Swampillai, Bishop of Trincomalee-Batticaloa Diocese, is involved in the Districts of Batticaloa and Ampara.

Vision

Realization of a just Sri Lankan society based on Gospel values of Love, Forgiveness, Peace, Unity, Equality- Lived, Promoted and Protected Irrespective of race, cast and religion.

Mission

Empowering people through animation and being in solidarity in their efforts for integral Human Development.

At Times of Emergency

- ◆ To Provide relief to victims of violence at times of emergency like disasters whether natural or man-made.
- ◆ To provide new human settlement to the displaced people.
- ◆ To provide basic support to the communities for rehabilitation.

At Times of Normalcy

- ❖ To promote informal and formal Education to the poor, under privileged and orphaned children.
- ❖ To focus on social transformation through awareness raising training programme.
- ❖ To promote community development programmes in the under developed areas.
- ❖ To sensitize the community to the need for total human developments.
- ❖ To assist in the process of peace building, human rights and gender development.
- ❖ To provide shelter, good drinking water and sanitation to the poor and underprivileged people.

Empowerment of Parents

Objective

- ★ Create awareness among parents.
- ★ Promote Saving Habits.
- ★ Strengthening their economy through self employment.
- ★ Uplift economic level of parents / community.
- ★ Each Pre School would become independent and self supporting.
- ★ Sustainability of Pre School with relevant Educational activities ensured.



Project Activities

- ❖ After proper awareness programmes for the parents, in consultation with the Parish Priest / Grama Sevaka Officer / Samurdhi Officer of that particular area, formation of Parents Committee.
- ❖ Organizing awareness programme on benefits of Savings in Groups, self employment, formation of Small Help Groups etc amongst the parents / community.



- ❖ Monitoring the progress of participatory approach of the Parents Committee.
- ❖ Training for the Pre-School Teachers and Executive Committee on Cash book maintenance, Entries on Book Keeping, Calculation of monthly interest etc....
- ❖ Constitution of the committee, arrangements with the local bank for financial transactions etc all properly carried out with proper instructions to the executive committee.
- ❖ Collection of membership fees, registration fees etc properly accounted for.
- ❖ Serializing by the Executive Committee the requests for loans on priority basis and ensure the request for loan are justifiable.
- ❖ When the Committee deposits LKR 50,000.00 in the bank, with this sum as security, the deposit LKR 500,000.00 is incorporated from the donor. The Committee commences issue of loans for properly assessed members.



- ❖ A non refundable sum as agreed by the committee should be deposited by Parents to be eligible for membership. Thereafter a regular monthly subscription should be paid, which could be refunded less any outstanding payments.
- ❖ Once the Micro Credit Loan System comes into operation, it becomes the full responsibility of the Parents Committee to control the process carefully, diligently, and efficiently by revolving the monthly interest and capital thus accrued among the members.



- ❖ Monthly meetings are held as scheduled by the committee, with proper records on attendance, repayments of capital/ interest, defaults, and fines imposed on defaulters.
- ❖ Salaries of the 02 Pre School Teachers can be paid at the end of the month (Rs. 9000.00 or any sum agreed) and the balance (Rs.1000.00-2000.00) reserved for maintenance of Pre-School.



Impact

- Parents - Teachers involvement in the management of each Pre School is thus effectively enhanced.
- Parents closely coordinate and cooperate with the teachers in extra school activities as shramadana campaigns, sports activities, cultural performances etc.
- Selected parents on priority basis can be given additional training to enhance their livelihood activities.



- Monitoring made easy on effective implementation of selected trade livelihood means.
- In case of emergency only, the services of one or two dynamic parents can be obtained for school activities.

Caritas EHED's Contribution

- ❑ Capacity building of members.
- ❑ Management skills.
- ❑ Teachers adequately trained.
- ❑ Supervision & Referrals.
- ❑ Monitoring & Evaluation.

Rev. Fr. Dr. T. S. Sylvester
Director Caritas EHED.
2010

#52, Weber Street, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka - 30000
Phone: + 94 65 2222125/2222268 Fax: + 94 65 2227017
E-mail batti@caritasehed.org, Web - www.caritasehed.org



Caritas EHED

Batticaloa-Kalmunai, Sri Lanka.

Sustainability of Pre- School Ensured through Empowerment of Parents



**“Education is not the answer to the question,
Education is the means to the answer to all questions.”**

- William Allin -