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Helping 100 Families Recover from Poverty Post COVID19

Project Report - 2

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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Project Summary

Since the pandemic hit Sri Lanka the entire country's economy was highly disrupted. The economic burden induced by the pandemic is not borne evenly and it is critical to protect the poorest and the most vulnerable from falling in to greater hardships.

As a result, many households in rural parts of the country were severely affected by adding further to the challenges they were already facing.

In response to the crisis, World Vision Lanka (WVL) initiated the Home Gardening programme in partnership with the Department of Agrarian Development in order to support the government's efforts in promoting household food security.

The project will provide 100 families headed by women with children, a sustainable means of recovery from the crippling effects of COVID19, through the provision of training, equipment and all necessary raw materials for home gardening.

With the generous contribution received from numerous donors through Global Giving we were able to execute and complete the 1st phase of the project by supporting 10 most vulnerable families.

Project Target Beneficiaries



100 Families

Beneficiaries Supported in Phase 1



10 Families

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Project Activities & Implementation

The project was implemented in Mannar; a district in Northern Province of Sri Lanka. Considering the climate, geography and also the vulnerability in the community, the area was selected to carry out the 1st phase of the project. A dedicated project assistant was appointed at the beginning to ensure efficacy of the implementation.

Project Activity 1 – Beneficiary Selection

10 most vulnerable households were selected based on the following standard criteria's.

- Extremely vulnerable WHH were given high priority
- Availability of suitable land for agriculture (at least 25x25 feet)
- Access to a water source at least during the rainy season to allow for cultivation - 9 out of 12 months of the year
- Adequate time to regularly devote to home gardening activities (2 hours a day), or demonstrated access to support for maintenance of home garden (e.g. support of relatives)
- Time and willingness to attend all training sessions.

Project Activities & Implementation contd..

Project Activity 2 – Training & Technical Advice on Home Gardening

Following the COVID19 guidelines provided by the government, trainings were scheduled and conducted in small groups. All trainings were facilitated by the respective government officials from the Agriculture Department and Grama Niladhari Division with the support of the project assistant and economic development officer from WVL.

Trainings were provided on:

- Nursery Preparation
- Crop Management
- Seedbed Preparation
- Selecting & Purchasing of Seedlings



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Project Activities & Implementation contd..

Project Activity 3 – Procuring and Distribution of Raw Materials & Tools

Required raw materials and tools for all the beneficiaries were procured and distributed by the WVL project team. Prior distribution, each family/household were visited by the project team and the Agriculture department to evaluate the space/land and also to identify the suitable seeds, seedlings, tools and fencing material.

The families have already progressed in cultivating.



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Gallery







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Monitoring & Evaluation

WVL together with the respective government officials, will continue to monitor and evaluate the process by providing the required training and technical advice until these families experience a full crop.



All the families thanked all the donors who contributed in helping them build a secure and resilient livelihood, which will enable them to provide for their children.

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Thank You!

Onward Towards a Lasting Impact!

