

EDUCATION WITHOUT HUNGER

CREATING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS
FOR FOOD SECURITY IN SRI LANKA



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INTRODUCTION



Education Without Hunger, launched in October 2022, addresses food insecurity and malnutrition in Sri Lanka by empowering students, teachers, and parents through agricultural and environmental education. The program focuses on building long-term, community-driven sustainability.

With proven success in Jaffna District, the initiative has expanded to Puttalam District, currently benefiting over 15,000 children and laying a strong foundation for national scalability.

We kindly invite you to refer to the previous report available on the GlobalGiving page for details on earlier program updates. Should you require any additional information or have further questions, please feel free to contact us at contact@sbtcf.org. We would be delighted to share further updates on the program.

GOVERNMENT COORDINATION FOR SCHOOL GARDEN MONITORING

Official visits were conducted to the Department of Agriculture, Zonal Education Department, and Divisional Secretariat to seek institutional support for project implementation. Discussions focused on school performance measures, soil testing procedures for the estate component, and coordination of relevant government processes. The team also engaged with the NGO Coordinator to ensure effective alignment and smooth workflow of project activities.



ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION WITHOUT HUNGER INITIATIVE IN PUTTALAM

A comprehensive assessment across 15 project schools highlighted key opportunities to strengthen the Education Without Hunger initiative. Areas such as climate resilience, sustainable garden structures, and improved pest and disease management were identified for enhancement. Tailored reports were created for each school, guiding targeted improvements. A revised implementation strategy has been developed to boost long-term impact



ASSESSING AND STRENGTHENING SCHOOL GARDEN INITIATIVES

Monitoring visits were conducted at project schools to assess the current status of school gardens, focusing on crop performance, student participation, and maintenance practices. Ongoing activities and challenges were reviewed with school authorities, and an action plan was finalized to strengthen garden productivity, integrate nutrition education, and enhance student involvement throughout the year.



STUDENTS ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH GREEN PRACTICES

Students of Vaatharawaththai Vickneswara Vidyalayam, Neervely Attiyar Hindu College, Ilavalai Convent Maha Vidyalayam, and Mandatheevu Maha Vidyalayam are actively engaged in cultivating herbs and long-term plants suited to local climatic conditions, fostering climate change awareness and resilience through hands-on, practical learning.



SUSTAINABLE COMPOST PIT SYSTEM FOR LONG-TERM COCONUT NUTRITION

Vaatharavaththai Vickneswara Vidyalayam has adopted a sustainable farming practice by establishing compost pits between rows of coconut plants. After the pits are filled, they are properly closed to enable the gradual release of nutrients into the soil. This approach improves soil fertility, supports healthy coconut growth, and ensures long-term, natural nutrient availability for the plants.



PLANTING ACTIVITIES USING COMPOST FOR SUSTAINABLE GARDENING

At Kayts St. Mary's Girls' Vidyalayam, students actively participated in planting activities using compost-enriched soil. This hands-on approach not only promotes practical learning in sustainable agriculture but also enhances soil fertility, supporting healthy plant growth and long-term garden productivity.



WORLD WETLANDS DAY AWARENESS PROGRAMME - ARALY SARASWATHY HINDU COLLEGE

A World Wetlands Day awareness programme was conducted at Araly Saraswathy Hindu College by our staff to educate students on the importance of wetlands, biodiversity conservation, and environmental protection through interactive discussions and activities.



ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOILLESS GARDEN AT ARALY SARASWATHY HINDU COLLEGE

A soilless garden initiative was implemented at Araly Saraswathy Hindu College to introduce students to sustainable farming practices and innovative cultivation methods, promoting environmental awareness, hands-on learning, and efficient use of resources.



BIRD-WATCHING PROGRAMME – MANDATHEEVU

A bird-watching programme was conducted in the Mandatheevu region with CCH, WPNC, and students of Mandatheevu Maha Vidyalayam to raise awareness on local bird species, wetland ecosystems, and biodiversity conservation through active observation and learning.



HERBAL GARDEN ASSESSMENT – VELANAI DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT

An assessment visit for the proposed herbal garden was conducted at the Velanai Divisional Secretariat following their request for collaboration. Our staff carried out the site assessment to evaluate feasibility and provide technical inputs for the establishment of the herbal garden.



HERBAL GARDEN INITIATIVE AT VELANAI DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT

Following the assessment visit, the herbal garden was successfully established at the Velanai DS Office by the Velanai Community Center students with guidance from our staff. The garden promotes awareness of herbal cultivation and traditional medicinal plants.



A NEW BEGINNING AT KARUNAI ILLAM CHILDREN'S HOME

The assessment programme at Karunai Illam Children's Home was conducted with the participation of students and in-charge teachers. The programme focused on reviewing the current conditions, identifying needs, and understanding the wellbeing of the children. Active discussions and observations helped gather valuable insights to support future planning and interventions aimed at improving care and development.



STRENGTHENING HOME GARDENS THROUGH COMMUNITY MONITORING

A home visit was conducted through the Velanai Community Center to monitor ongoing garden activities, assess plant growth and maintenance practices, and provide guidance to strengthen household-level gardening efforts.



PROMOTING GREEN PRACTICES AT KALAIYARASI COMMUNITY CENTER

Field planting activities were carried out during the visit to Kalaiyarasi Community Center. The programme focused on practical planting methods, active participation, and promoting sustainable gardening practices. The visit helped strengthen community involvement and encouraged hands-on learning through field-level activities.



STUDENT DEMONSTRATION AND LEARNING SHOWCASE

On March 1st, we conducted a special event with our guest from India. During the event, our Change makers proudly demonstrated the hydroponic system and engaged the guest in trying the activity. They also showcased their knowledge through small agricultural models and shared their learning experiences with Serendip Be the Change Foundation.



STORYTELLING & FUNDRAISING FOR EDUCATION WITHOUT HUNGER

On the same day in the evening, a special event was held with guest Kani Thiru, who narrated the Tamil historical story of Velpari. The program was organized by the Quiet Chapter in collaboration with Fox Jaffna by Fox Resort. The main purpose of the event was to raise funds for the Education Without Hunger initiative, supporting and empowering young changemakers to move one step forward in their educational journey.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT & GRATITUDE



A heartfelt thank you to all our donors, partners, and supporters. Your generosity has helped us expand and deepen our impact on child nutrition and education. Together, we are creating lasting change.

Thank you for being a vital part of this transformative journey!

-The Senendip Team

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