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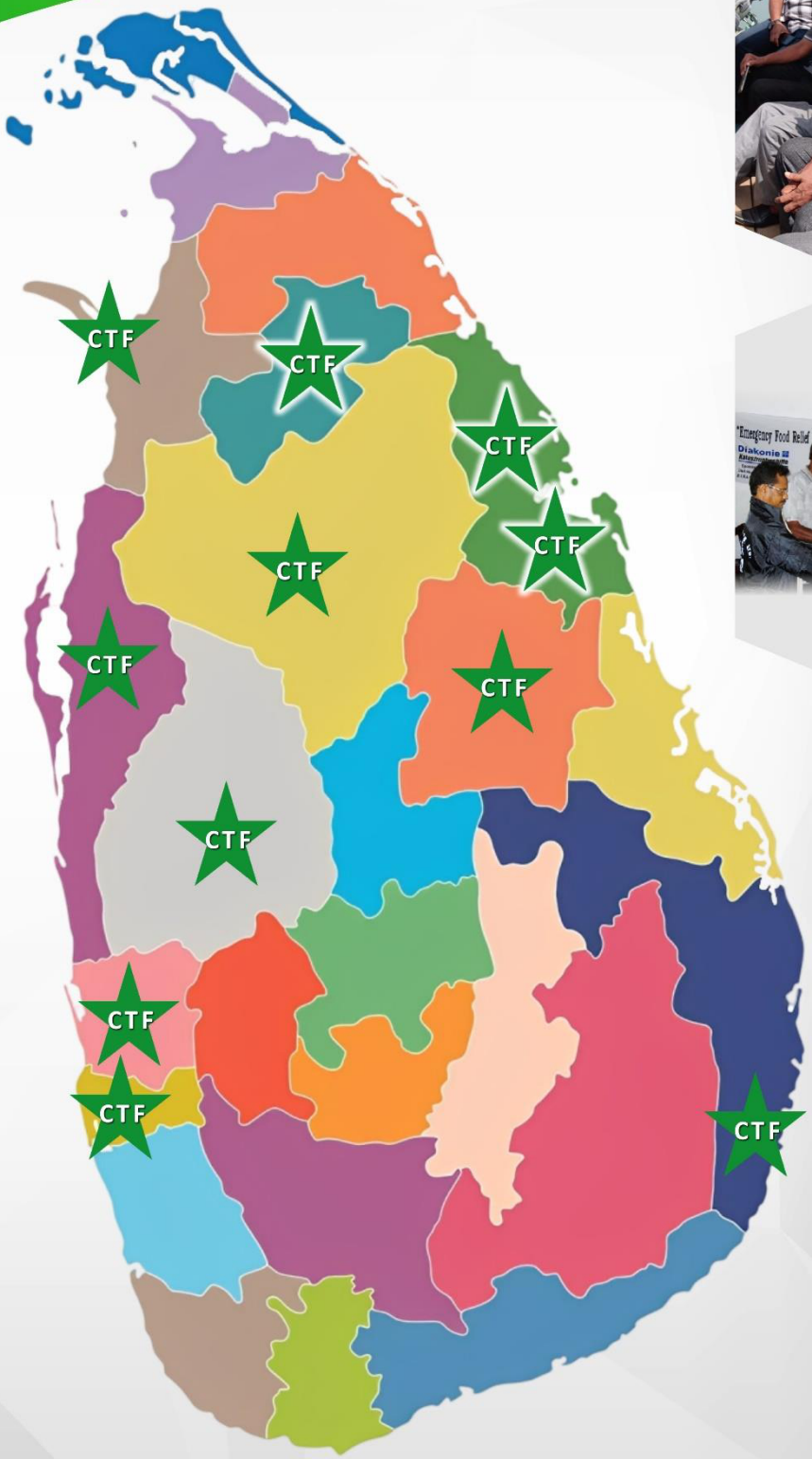












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- Organization Structure

Community Trust Fund is a non-governmental, non-profitable, non-religious and non-political organization, registered with the Ministry of Social Service under Voluntary Services Organizations Act No. 31 of 1980 and 8 of 1998. It was established on 23rd of December 1993. CTF is a member/affiliate member with 17 humanitarian, human rights and development organizations at national, regional and international levels.

Vision:
To realize a peaceful, inclusive, and just society where human rights, equality, dignity, and social harmony are respected, and all people are empowered to live safe, productive and fulfilling lives regardless of their race, religion, social, or economic backgrounds.

Mission:
The Community Trust Fund (CTF) is committed to promoting human dignity, social justice, peace, and sustainable development by empowering vulnerable, marginalized, and conflict-affected communities through humanitarian assistance, human rights advocacy, community development, livelihood support, education, protection, and capacity-building initiatives, irrespective of ethnicity, religion, gender, caste, or nationality.

Objectives:
To improve the living standards of the poor, war affected marginalized and disadvantaged groups of people through participatory approaches and providing basic facilities to safeguard their human rights and human dignity.

Administration: CTF is managed by a team of Managing

Trustees based in the Coordinating Secretariat (CS) who are answerable to the Board of Trustees. CS is divided into seven units Le. Human Resources Management, Programme, Finance, Information & Publication, Monitoring & Evaluation, Resource Development, and Secretariat where each unit is lead by a Trustee with the support of dedicated team members. CTF has a Field Bureau in each of its operational district deployed with a Field Coordinator and project staff to implement the district level activities.

CTF Team: As at the end of 2025, there are 104 full time staff, 13 part time staff, 07 consultants, and 815 volunteers working for CTF and its recruitment policy gives equal opportunity to both men and women to become team members.

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Where CTF works

The Community Trust Fund (CTF) is a humanitarian organization established on December 23, 1993 in Sri Lanka. It is registered with the National NGO Secretariat of the Ministry of Social Services, Sri Lanka under Voluntary Services Organizations Act No. 31 of 1980.

Geographical coverage

CTF has documented experience in 13 districts of Sri Lanka, particularly in the Northern Province - (Mannar, Vavuniya, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu) / North -Western Province - (Puttalam, Kurunegala) / Eastern Province - (Trincomalee, Ampara, Mutoor - Project office) / North - Central Province - (Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa) / Southern - (Kalutara, Galle project office) and Western Province - (Gampha project office), regions including, as well as several other districts. Actual programme locations are selected according to community needs, project requirements and available resources.

Main Sectors of CTF activities

Relief, Recovery, Resettlement, Reintegration and Reconciliation (5Rs)

Peace Building and Conflict Resolution.

Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

Capacity Building & Social Empowerment

Environmental Protection

Water & Sanitation

Education

Health Promotion (including HIV/AIDS)

Poverty Alleviation and Livelihood Promotion

CTF Team

CTF has a team of 113 Full time team members & Volunteers, 05 part time team members, 08 Consultants and 950 Volunteers. CTF Provides equal opportunity to everyone and encourages both men and women to join the CTF family.

FOREWORD

A Message from the Trustee General / Chief Trustee

May 2026 bring peace, happiness, good health, dignity and prosperity to all.

It is with gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility that we present the Community Trust Fund (CTF) Annual Report 2025, highlighting our key programmes, achievements, challenges and experiences during a demanding year. Throughout 2025, CTF remained committed to serving vulnerable, disadvantaged, affected and economically marginalized communities of all backgrounds, with particular emphasis on human rights, poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods, education, women's and children's empowerment and protection, health, WASH, emergency relief, disaster response, climate resilience, peacebuilding and community development.

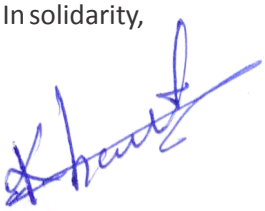
Poverty, unemployment, food insecurity, rising living costs, livelihood losses, displacement, floods and other climate-related challenges continued to place significant burdens on women, children, older persons, persons with disabilities, widows, farmers, fishers, daily wage earners and low-income families, affecting their education, health, livelihoods, housing and overall well-being. In response, CTF worked closely with communities, government authorities, NGOs, CBOs, volunteers and development partners to provide timely assistance while strengthening dignity, resilience, participation, self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods.

We sincerely thank our dedicated staff and volunteers, donors, government authorities, development partners, NGOs, CBOs, community leaders, members, beneficiaries and well-wishers for their trust, support and cooperation. Every contribution entrusted to CTF represents an investment in human dignity, opportunity, education, livelihood and hope, and we remain committed to transparency, accountability and responsible stewardship.

Looking ahead, CTF will continue to strengthen partnerships and expand efforts in poverty alleviation, sustainable livelihoods, women's and youth empowerment, child protection and education, health, WASH, climate resilience, disaster preparedness and response, human rights, peacebuilding and inclusive community development, enabling vulnerable families to move from hardship towards security, dignity, resilience and self-reliance.

We welcome continued partnership, constructive recommendations and support as we learn, improve and respond to emerging community needs. The strength of the communities we serve is our inspiration; their aspirations are our responsibility; and their progress is our greatest measure of success.

In solidarity,



K. M. Ashar
Trustee General / Chief Trustee

On Behalf of Trustee General



On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Community Trust Fund (CTF), Sri Lanka
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Who is CTF ?

Community Trust Fund (CTF) is a Sri Lankan community-based humanitarian and development organisation established in 1993. CTF works to improve the lives of vulnerable, marginalized, displaced and conflict-affected communities through humanitarian assistance, livelihoods, education, health, women's empowerment, protection, WASH, peacebuilding and community development.

Where CTF works

CTF has documented experience in 13 districts of Sri Lanka, particularly in the Northern Province - (Mannar, Vavuniya, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu) / North-Western Province - (Puttalam, Kurunegala) / Eastern Province - (Trincomalee, Ampara, Mutoor- Project office) / Centrel Province- (Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa) / Southern- (Kalutara, Galle) and Western Province- (Gampha), regions including, as well as several other districts. Actual programme locations are selected according to community needs, project requirements and available resources.

Who does CTF supports?

CTF prioritizes vulnerable and vulnerable populations, including female-headed households, widows, vulnerable children and families, low-income and unemployed households, displaced and conflict-affected people, people with disabilities, the elderly, and disaster-affected communities.

What issues does CTF addresses

CTF addresses issues such as poverty, unemployment, loss of livelihoods, displacement, disaster impacts, lack of access to health and education, inadequate WASH facilities, protection concerns, social exclusion and community vulnerability. CTF combines immediate assistance with longer-term recovery, empowerment and resilience.

Sector 1

EMERGENCY RELIEF



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS 2025

SECTOR 1 – EMERGENCY RELIEF AND DISASTER RESPONSE

During 2025, CTF remained committed to responding rapidly and compassionately to natural disasters and other humanitarian emergencies, with particular attention to the needs of displaced and vulnerable families.

Following the severe Cyclone Ditwah and associated floods, heavy rainfall and landslides in November 2025, CTF mobilized staff, volunteers and community networks to support affected people from different ethnic and religious communities.

Emergency interventions included evacuation and safe transportation, temporary shelter arrangements, food and dry-ration assistance, drinking water, essential medicines and clothing, emergency blood-support coordination, fuel for evacuation vehicles, and assistance to families requiring urgent humanitarian support.

CTF worked with government authorities, religious institutions, community organizations and volunteers to prepare schools, places of worship and other safe facilities as temporary shelters and to facilitate the movement of affected families from high-risk areas.

As conditions improved, CTF also supported the safe return and recovery of displaced families, including transportation to their places of origin, household cleaning after floodwaters receded, provision of safe drinking water and essential food supplies, and assistance to restore basic living conditions so that families could return home with greater safety and dignity.

These interventions demonstrated CTF's commitment to ensuring that emergency assistance extends beyond immediate relief to include early recovery, restoration of livelihoods, community resilience and dignified return.

The source material records, among other emergency activities, the distribution of 8,735 food parcels and provision of fuel for 60 buses used in evacuation efforts.

Distribution of relief items

CTF provided relief to fulfill the urgent requirement of displaced people. Following items were distributed in relief packs

Supply of food and supplement food items for cooking
Urgent basic relief items
Mosquito nets
Security lights
Non-food items
Hygienic and Sanitary kits

Psycho social services



CTF's trained staffs committed themselves in providing psycho social services to the affected community to strengthen their mental health and confident level. Most of the people were in very much-frustrated situation. CTF felt that providing counseling is very much essential to bring them back to normalcy.

During our counseling activities CTF focused more on women and children. These 2 groups were much more affected during the displacement. We found some newly born child without their mother. In order to look after these kids we created child friendly environment in Schools by providing play materials and recreational facilities.

Sector 2

Child empowerment programm



CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACE PROGRAMME – 2025

As part of CTF's commitment to child protection, care and psychosocial well-being, child-friendly spaces were established in each of the schools and care centres serving children affected by the emergency situation. These safe and supportive spaces were designed to provide children with an environment where they could play, relax, interact with others, express themselves freely and regain a sense of safety and normality following the distress and uncertainty experienced during evacuation.

Age-appropriate play materials, recreational equipment and other child-friendly activities were provided, while trained child-care facilitators and caretakers were assigned to support and engage with the children. Through games, play, dancing, creative activities, group interaction and recreational programmes, the facilitators encouraged children to participate positively, build friendships, express their feelings and regain confidence. Special attention was given to creating a welcoming atmosphere where children could temporarily move away from the anxiety, fear and disruption associated with displacement and emergency evacuation.

The programme also provided an opportunity for CTF staff and facilitators to observe children's needs and provide appropriate support or referrals where necessary. By creating safe spaces and restoring opportunities for play and social interaction, CTF sought to protect children's dignity, emotional well-being, social development and sense of security, while helping them return gradually to a more stable and child-friendly routine.

Key Areas

- Establishment of child-friendly and safe spaces
- Provision of play and recreational materials
- Childcare and trained facilitation
- Games, dancing and creative activities
- Social interaction and peer engagement
- Emotional support and reassurance
- Restoration of routine and a sense of normality
- Identification of children requiring additional support
- Promotion of child protection and dignity
- Strengthening children's confidence and well-being

HIV/AIDS Program in Sri Lanka



Location: Puttalam, Mannar, and Vavuniya Districts

HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme for Mosque Committee and Imams and Village Communities and CBOs at Puttalam, Mannar, and Vavuniya Districts

Objective: The main objectives of this project were to build the capacity of school children, members of CBOs, Village Communities, Madras's and Mosques.

Several activities Related to HIV and Aids were carried out in several beneficiary locations in Puttalam, Mannar, and Vavuniya Districts

The mosque committees, Imams, school and madrasa teachers, CBOs & Village Communities were mobilized to extend their fullest support for promotion of preventive education related to HIV and AIDS which is the most killer disease in the world. Training programmes to peer educators from teachers and student leaders in Madrsas and schools, CBOs, & Village Communities were conducted in selected Village, schools and Madrasas. Training programmes were also conducted to mosque committees, Imams and moulavies, Youths.

Throughout these process people are now well aware of the threat of this epidemic and they are very actively involved in promoting HIV and Aid related preventive educations. Steps also have been taken to provide care and protection to affected people.

In addition to these training workshops the word Aids Day celebration was also celebrated in a big scale. Around five hundred youths from both genders participated in this event A mass level awareness was created through lectures, multimedia presentations, poems songs and dramas. Doctors, university lecturers and Learned Ulamas were used as resource persons. At the moment follow up activities are being carried out to make sure that the participants of the particular event are engaged in promotion of HIV & Aids related education with in their communities.

Sector 3

WORLD AIDS DAY AWARENESS SEMINAR 2025 - Puttalam District





In 2025, Community Trust Fund (CTF) conducted a World AIDS Day Awareness Seminar and related community awareness activities in Puttalam District to strengthen knowledge, prevention awareness and community responsibility concerning HIV/AIDS and other related health and social issues.

The programme reached schoolchildren, Madrasas and mosques, while also engaging Imams, mosque committee members, Madrasa representatives, school authorities, community leaders and CBOs.

The initiative aimed to improve participants' understanding of HIV/AIDS prevention, transmission, treatment, stigma and discrimination, personal health, responsible behaviour and the importance of seeking accurate information and appropriate health services. It also sought to strengthen the capacity of religious and community institutions to provide responsible health awareness and supportive guidance to their communities.

uring September 2025, CTF held discussions with school heads, Imams, Madrasa representatives and mosque/trustee-board members, followed by awareness and training sessions for mosque committee members and Imams. Particular emphasis was placed on preventing misinformation, reducing stigma and discrimination, encouraging compassion towards affected persons, protecting young people through accurate health education, and strengthening cooperation between schools, religious institutions, CBOs and relevant community stakeholders.

The programme also contributed to strengthening networks among religious organizations and community-based organizations so that health awareness could be communicated more effectively at grassroots level.

Through this initiative, CTF reaffirmed its commitment to promoting health, dignity, informed decision-making, social inclusion and community-based prevention, particularly among children and young people.

Key Areas Covered

- HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention
- Accurate health information and responsible communication
- Understanding HIV transmission and prevention
- Importance of early advice, testing and appropriate health services
- Reducing stigma, fear and discrimination
- Compassionate support for people affected by HIV/AIDS
- Health and well-being of schoolchildren and young people
- Role of parents, teachers and religious leaders in health awareness
- Capacity-building of Imams and mosque committee members
- Awareness through schools, Madrasas and mosques
- Strengthening cooperation among religious institutions and CBOs
- Community-based health promotion and prevention
- Encouraging safe, responsible and informed behaviour
- Promoting dignity, equality and social inclusion

Monitoring, Evaluation and Organizational Capacity – 2025

During 2025, CTF's Monitoring and Evaluation Unit conducted five monitoring visits across its project areas and completed four internal audits, supporting programme quality, accountability, transparency and continuous improvement.

The Resource Development Unit also strengthened organizational and community capacity by conducting nine workshops for CTF staff and six workshops and training programmes for government officers, NGOs, volunteers, pre-school teachers and beneficiaries. These activities contributed to staff development, improved implementation practices, stronger stakeholder coordination and enhanced community capacity.

Sector 4

EDUCATION AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT





CTF is committed to promoting education as a fundamental foundation for human development, social progress, equality and a better future for all people, both in Sri Lanka and around the world.

Education empowers children and young people with knowledge, skills, confidence and opportunities to improve their lives, overcome poverty and participate positively in their families and communities.

Recognizing that disadvantaged children may face financial hardship, inadequate learning environments, limited educational resources and other barriers that can prevent them from reaching their full potential, CTF has continued to give priority to education throughout its years of service.

In 2025, CTF strengthened its efforts to encourage and support schoolchildren to remain committed to their studies, develop their abilities, improve their educational performance and pursue their aspirations without being left behind. Particular attention was given to children from vulnerable, low-income, affected and disadvantaged families.

CTF also recognized that improving education requires the active participation of students, parents, teachers, youth and community groups; therefore, awareness and community-based activities were undertaken to encourage parental support, regular school attendance, positive learning environments, children's motivation, responsible use of educational opportunities and the importance of continuing education.

Through these efforts, CTF seeks to strengthen not only academic achievement but also life skills, confidence, leadership, creativity, social responsibility and the capacity of young people to contribute constructively to their communities and society.

Key Education Initiative – 2025

Provision of Educational Support and Gap-Filling Assistance
Location: Puttalam ,Mannar, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi District

Objective: To support vulnerable schoolchildren in overcoming educational barriers, strengthen their learning opportunities, improve academic performance and examination results, and help students continue their education with confidence and motivation.

Many children from economically disadvantaged and affected families face difficulties that can negatively affect their education, including household financial constraints, inadequate learning facilities, lack of educational materials, limited study space and insufficient support for home-based learning. These challenges can particularly affect performance in important subjects and examinations and may increase the risk of students falling behind their peers or discontinuing their education.

CTF's education interventions therefore seek to identify educational gaps, provide appropriate support, strengthen students' learning capacities, encourage parents to participate actively in their children's education, and mobilize communities to create a supportive environment for learning. The programme also promotes the principle that every child, regardless of family income or social circumstances, should have a fair opportunity to learn, develop their abilities and pursue a meaningful future.

Expected Contribution and Impact

Through its education-focused interventions, CTF aims to:

- Encourage children to remain in school and continue their education.
- Improve learning opportunities for disadvantaged students.
- Strengthen students' knowledge, skills, confidence and motivation.
- Improve academic performance and examination outcomes.
- Reduce educational disparities among vulnerable children.
- Encourage parents to take an active role in their children's education.
- Strengthen community awareness of the importance of education.
- Support children at risk of falling behind in their studies.
- Promote life skills, leadership and social responsibility among young people.
- Create stronger links between students, parents, teachers, youth and community groups.
- Contribute to long-term poverty reduction through education and skills development.

CTF believes that education is not merely the acquisition of academic knowledge; it is an investment in human dignity, opportunity, independence and the future of families and communities. Through continued investment in education, CTF seeks to ensure that vulnerable children are not left behind and are given the

Sector 5

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROTECTION TRAINING PROGRAMME – 2025



During 2025, Community Trust Fund (CTF) implemented the Children's Rights Protection Training Programme in Mannar, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi Districts to strengthen awareness, knowledge and community capacity to protect children from violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect, discrimination and other forms of harm.

The programme recognized that children living in vulnerable, affected and economically disadvantaged communities may face additional risks and that effective child protection requires the active participation of children, parents, teachers, youth, community leaders and other responsible community members.
The training and awareness activities focused on key principles of child rights, child protection, prevention of abuse and exploitation, identification of protection concerns, children's safety, non-discrimination, equality, dignity, participation, education, health and well-being, as well as the responsibilities of adults and communities in creating safe and supportive environments for children.

Participants were encouraged to recognize early warning signs of risks affecting children, respond appropriately to protection concerns, strengthen communication with children, promote positive parenting and support children's access to education and essential services.

Particular emphasis was placed on preventing harmful practices, violence, neglect, exploitation and discrimination and on encouraging children to speak safely about concerns affecting them and seek appropriate assistance from trusted adults and responsible services. The programme also promoted greater cooperation among families, schools, community groups, youth and relevant local stakeholders, recognizing that child protection is a shared responsibility.

Through these activities, CTF sought to strengthen community awareness, improve the capacity of parents and other responsible adults, empower children with knowledge of their rights and contribute to safer, more protective and child-friendly communities in Mannar, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi.

Key Areas Covered

- Child rights and fundamental principles of child protection
- Protection from violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect
- Prevention of child labour and other forms of exploitation
- Protection from discrimination and harmful practices
- Children's right to education, health, safety and dignity
- Child participation and the importance of listening to children
- Identification of child-protection risks and early warning signs
- Safe communication and appropriate responses to children's concerns
- Positive parenting and parental responsibilities
- Creating safe and supportive homes, schools and communities
- Responsibilities of teachers, parents, youth and community leaders
- Awareness of appropriate referral and support mechanisms
- Prevention and reporting of child-protection concerns
- Strengthening community responsibility for children's safety
- Promoting children's confidence, self-protection and well-being

Programme Significance

The programme represented CTF's continuing commitment to ensuring that every child is treated with dignity, protected from harm and given the opportunity to learn, develop and participate in society without discrimination. By taking child-rights awareness beyond individual children and engaging parents, schools, youth and community groups, CTF sought to build a broader community-based child-protection system in which prevention, early identification, responsible response and community support work together.

Note / Suggested:

Children's Rights Protection Training Programme – 2025 Strengthening children, families and communities to prevent abuse, promote rights and create safer environments for children in Mannar, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi Districts.

Sector 6

PROMOTION OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SKILL TRAINING – 2025





During 2025, Community Trust Fund (CTF) implemented the Promotion of Women's Empowerment Through Skill Training Programme in Mannar, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi Districts, with the aim of strengthening the skills, confidence, economic participation and self-reliance of women from vulnerable and economically disadvantaged communities.

The programme recognized that many women, particularly those from low-income, conflict-affected and livelihood-insecure families, face limited employment opportunities, inadequate household incomes, lack of marketable skills and restricted access to sustainable income-generating opportunities.

Through practical and community-based skills training, CTF sought to equip women with useful vocational and livelihood skills, basic entrepreneurship knowledge, financial awareness, confidence and the ability to explore self-employment and income-generation opportunities. Training activities emphasized practical learning, participation and the development of skills that could be applied within households, communities or small-scale enterprises.

Participants were also encouraged to identify their existing abilities and local economic opportunities, develop greater confidence in decision-making and consider ways of converting their skills into sustainable livelihoods.

.The programme promoted women's participation not only in household economic activities but also in community development, leadership, decision-making and social participation. Particular attention was given to strengthening women's dignity, independence and resilience so that they could contribute more effectively to household well-being and improve the future prospects of their families.

Through this initiative, CTF sought to help women move from economic vulnerability towards skills, confidence, opportunity, self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods, while strengthening the role of women as active contributors to their families and communities.

key Areas Covered

- Vocational and practical skills development
- Livelihood and income-generation skills
- Entrepreneurship and self-employment awareness
- Basic financial literacy and household financial management
- Identification of local livelihood and market opportunities
- Small-business and enterprise development awareness
- Confidence-building and personal development
- Women's leadership and decision-making
- Women's participation in community development
- Economic independence and self-reliance
- Strengthening household income and resilience
- Networking and peer support among women
- Encouraging women to utilize and develop their existing skills
- Promoting sustainable and dignified livelihood opportunities

Programme Significance

The programme reflects CTF's commitment to women's empowerment as an essential component of poverty reduction and sustainable community development. By investing in women's skills and capacities, the programme sought to create benefits extending beyond individual participants to their children, households and wider communities. Empowered women can contribute more effectively to household economic security, children's education, community participation and local development.

Highlight:

Women's Empowerment Through Skill Training – 2025 Building women's skills, confidence, economic opportunities and self-reliance for stronger families and resilient communities in Mannar, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi Districts.

Sector 7

YOUTH PROTECTION FROM DRUGS – AWARENESS AND TRAINING PROGRAMME – 2025









During 2025, Community Trust Fund (CTF) implemented the Youth Protection from Drugs – Awareness and Training Programme in Mannar, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi Districts, recognizing the increasing importance of protecting young people from drug use, harmful substances, related social risks and behaviours that can negatively affect their education, health, families and future opportunities.

The programme focused on strengthening young people's knowledge, awareness, life skills, decision-making abilities, confidence and resilience so that they could make informed and responsible choices and resist harmful influences. Awareness and training activities addressed the risks and consequences of drug use, prevention and early identification, peer pressure, positive relationships, mental and emotional well-being, healthy lifestyles, education and career aspirations, responsible decision-making, communication skills and the importance of seeking assistance from trusted adults and appropriate services.

Parents, teachers, community leaders and other relevant community members were also encouraged to understand their role in creating supportive and protective environments for young people. Particular emphasis was placed on early prevention, open communication, positive youth engagement and community responsibility rather than stigma or discrimination against young people affected by substance-related problems.

Through awareness sessions, interactive discussions, training activities and community participation, CTF sought to strengthen cooperation among youth, families, schools and communities and encourage young people to become positive contributors to their communities.

The programme ultimately aimed to help young people remain engaged in education and constructive activities, protect their health and well-being, develop positive aspirations and build a safer and more resilient future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Key Areas Covered

- Awareness of the dangers and consequences of drug use
- Prevention of drug use among young people
- Understanding peer pressure and harmful influences
- Positive decision-making and refusal skills
- Life-skills and confidence-building
- Healthy lifestyles and positive recreational activities
- Education, career planning and future aspirations
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Mental and emotional well-being
- Early identification of risks and vulnerability
- Encouraging young people to seek appropriate support
- Parental awareness and positive family communication
- Teacher and community awareness
- Community-based prevention and early intervention
- Reducing stigma and discrimination
- Promoting youth leadership and positive community participation
- Strengthening cooperation among youth, parents, schools and community groups

Programme Significance

The programme reflects CTF's commitment to protecting children and young people, strengthening families and preventing social problems before they become more serious. By investing in awareness, life skills, education and positive opportunities, CTF seeks to help young people develop the knowledge and confidence necessary to protect themselves from harmful influences and pursue healthier and more productive futures.

Highlight:

Youth Protection from Drugs – Awareness and Training Programme – 2025 | Empowering young people with knowledge, life skills and resilience to prevent drug use, make responsible choices and build healthy, productive and hopeful futures in Mannar, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi Districts.

Sector 8

WORKING COMMITTEES

There ate three Working Committees functioning under the Program Unit and based in the Coordinating Secretariat.

- **Women Forum**

This forum consists of 03 members from CTF and includes 01 member from each district. Women Forum includes all communities. Totally 950 members are involved in the forum's activities.

The women's societies were formed in village level. This process formed the district level women societies. The general women forum processes the district level representatives too. Problem of women were identified by this forum.

This forum holds it's gathering in every month. This Forum acts as consultant body to CTF for women and child activities and helps to promote the women child based activities in all operational areas.

- **CTF ISLAMIC FATWA COMMITTEE, PEACE AND COMMUNITY DIALOGUE**

The CTF Islamic Fatwa Committee is a community-oriented platform established to provide appropriate religious guidance, consultation and constructive dialogue on matters affecting individuals, families and communities. The Committee seeks to respond to the genuine needs of the community by providing Fatwa and religious guidance on family and social matters, women's concerns, youth-related issues, human rights, peace and reconciliation, education, ethical conduct and other matters requiring informed Islamic guidance. It also aims to assist community members with questions relating to Arabic language, reading, writing and communication, while encouraging knowledge, mutual respect and responsible communication.

The Committee further seeks to promote peace, social harmony, tolerance, interfaith and intercultural understanding, human dignity and respect for human rights. Particular attention is given to issues affecting women, children, youth and vulnerable families, with the objective of helping communities address their concerns peacefully and constructively. Where appropriate, the Committee can facilitate dialogue with religious scholars, community leaders, civil-society organizations and other relevant stakeholders.

As part of CTF's wider community-development mission, the Committee also seeks to establish communication, dialogue and constructive relationships with Islamic institutions, scholars, charitable organizations, development partners and community organizations in Arab countries and other parts of the world. These relationships can facilitate exchange of knowledge and experience, religious and educational dialogue, humanitarian cooperation, community-development partnerships and the identification of opportunities for mutually beneficial projects supporting vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka.

The CTF Islamic Fatwa Committee works in harmony with CTF's broader commitment to peace, human rights, social justice, community integration, poverty reduction, women's empowerment, youth development and peaceful coexistence. Through consultation, dialogue, awareness and community engagement, the Committee seeks to strengthen understanding within communities and build bridges between religious, social and community institutions.

Key Areas of Engagement

- Islamic religious guidance and Fatwa services
- Women's religious and family-related concerns
- Youth-related religious and social questions
- Family and community matters
- Human rights and human dignity
- Peacebuilding and reconciliation
- Interfaith and intercultural dialogue
- Arabic reading, writing and communication
- Religious and educational awareness
- Guidance on ethical and social responsibilities
- Community consultation and mediation
- Dialogue with Islamic scholars and institutions
- Communication with Arab-world organizations and institutions
- Development of humanitarian and educational partnerships
- Promotion of social harmony and peaceful coexistence
- Support for vulnerable and disadvantaged communities

➢ **Highlight:**

CTF Islamic Fatwa Committee – Promoting informed Islamic guidance, peaceful dialogue, human dignity, women's and youth support, Arabic communication, community harmony and constructive partnerships with Islamic and humanitarian institutions in Sri Lanka and the wider Arab and international community.

➢ **The Citizen Committee for Forcibly Evicted People (CCFEP)**

CCFEP is programs active in recording human rights violations and implementing human rights activities. It also lobbies the government for the protection and promotion of human rights, as well as good governance and democracy. Following are some of the important activities that the CC had been actively involved during the year 2025.

Consultation on Human Rights

Awareness Program and Workshop on Human Rights.
FEP's Public opinion gathering and dissemination of

Requesting government to establish a committee to investigate on forcibly evicted peoples health condition and human rights violations.

➢ Paralegal Training

Networking with other civil society organizations and involved in promotion of issues related to displacement and rights.

➢ **YCC**

Youth Coordination Center was established in March 2025. It is focusing on youth to empower them in different areas. Leadership training, youth exchange, skill development, sports and cultural activities are some of them.

Monitoring Mechanism

CTF has been successful in maintaining the comprehensive mechanism for monitoring all the organizational activities. It has a separate unit dedicated for this purpose in the name of 'MONITORING UNIT'

Monitoring Unit (MU), one of the seven units of CTF, plays a significant role on the overall progress of the organisation. MU is assigned with the task to monitor all aspects of the organisation in close coordination with the other units and provide necessary recommendation to correct any shortcomings thus to achieve organisation's mission.

MU is lead by a Managing Trustee with the support of a dedicated team consisting of a director, two Assistant Directors (systems audit + internal audit) and Secretaries.

Responsibilities entrusted on monitoring unit

MU conducts frequent assessments with other units within the Coordinating Secretariat (CS) and organises field visits to Field Bureaus (FBS) / project locations to ensure -

Organisation's rules and regulations are observed appropriately;

- All circulars issued by CS time to time are familiar with all relevant team
- members and followed by them;
- Projects are implemented as per the Letter of Advice (LoA);
- Financial management at CS level and FB level is satisfactory;
- Staff's performance are good;
- CTF's activities are properly informed/publicised;
- There is a good name about CTF among beneficiaries, stakeholders and others; and
- Potential challenges and opportunities.

MU identifies the shortcomings and virtues at each and every aspect above and shares them as appropriate.

Follow-up

The findings of MU is prepared in a form of report and circulated among all relevant units/personnel as soon as possible for information and necessary action. The report(s) is/are taken for discussion at the Board of Trustees meeting held monthly and suitable decisions are taken.

Sector 9

Organization Structure

