

Visions Global Empowerment 2011 Annual Report

Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders.



What a difference a year can make! Thanks to the generosity, support, and involvement of people like you who share our “Visions” for building a better tomorrow through educating and empowering youth in communities in need, we have been able to take major strides in 2011 in serving thousands of youth across India and Sri Lanka. We hope you will

continue to join us in educating, empowering, and uplifting youth, teachers, and communities in South Asia in the year ahead. Please visit us at www.VisionsForTheFuture.org where you can learn more and view recent videos about our work!



SERVING YOUTH AFFECTED BY WAR & POVERTY IN SRI LANKA.

After-School Tuition & Bicycles

In an ongoing effort to serve the needs of war-displaced youth recently resettled in Northern Sri Lanka, Visions formed partnerships with the Church of the American Ceylon Mission (CACM) & STITCH Movement to support after-school programs and provide basic educational support through bicycles and other efforts. Visions continues its support for ongoing A/L and O/L tuition classes for hundreds of youth at after-school centers in Karadiyanaru and Vaharai, including salaries for tuition teachers, constructing of temporary sheds where the classes are held, and other supplies. Visions also provided 18 bicycles to needy youth in the Eastern Province to help improve school attendance and literacy, as many youth attend school irregularly or not at all due to the extreme distance from school and the cost of a bicycle. Additionally, a team of STITCH volunteers are now making weekend trips to Kilinochchi for a period of 3 months to work with small groups of O/L youth to do tutoring, serve as mentors, engage the youth in a number of social and cultural activities (ie: sports, art, games, dance, etc.), provide nutritious snacks, and help lay the foundation for peer tutoring.

Student Scholarships

This fall Visions arranged and funded 3 war-affected youth to partake in an intensive 6-month English training course in Jaffna through our local partner, the Chinmaya Organisation for Rural Development (CORD Sri Lanka). These 3 students (2 female and 1 male) were selected based on need and their individual career goals, and were given support for tuition, transportation (bicycles), and room & board. We have plans to significantly build our Scholarship Program in

Sri Lanka in the months ahead.

Kalaqam Visions Learning Centre (KVLC) & Leadership Training

As a major ongoing effort, Visions has been providing continual support to Saiva Mangaiyar Kalaqam and the school that it operates (Hindu Ladies College) in Colombo. Following the completion of the Kalaqam Visions Learning Centre (KVLC) earlier this year, which has been designed to serve as both a school extension and Visions training facility, attention has now turned to developing meaningful programs at the facility. Visions supported two interns to spend a few weeks at the school this past August helping to develop a programming plan for the KVLC, initiate plans for a Visions office, and conduct a one-week youth leadership training for 40 secondary school youth. This leadership camp (our fifth at the school to-date including teacher trainings) was intended to foster and strengthen existing leadership capacities amongst students at the school. Finally, Visions provided an incentive allowance to a young student teacher at the school to assist with classroom activities and gain teaching experience. It's all about empowerment!



EMPOWERING YOUNG LEADERS IN UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES IN INDIA:

Student Scholarships

Visions launched the Jayalakshmi Ramachandran Scholarship Fund to benefit disadvantaged students pursuing higher education in Tamil Nadu, India, in partnership with Nandalala Seva Samithi Trust (NSST), based in Chennai. A single donor commitment of \$100,000 made this endowment fund possible, and the interest generated annually will be used to administer and award financial support to underprivileged students in India who require support to pursue their higher education. In addition, Visions sponsored the education of 6 disadvantaged young adults from tsunami-affected *dalit* villages in Tamil Nadu. These students (4 female & 2 male) are pursuing courses such as Engineering, Agriculture, Teacher Training, Math, & Chemistry. Visions also partially sponsored the ongoing education of 1 female Sri Lankan refugee student in India currently attending medical college. All of this was made possible by OfERR, one of our very dedicated partner organizations in India.

Leadership Trainings

Now in our 9th year of conducting youth leadership trainings in

India and Sri Lanka, Visions has reached a significant milestone, having conducted two-dozen trainings, directly benefitting more than 1,400 youth. A team of 7 Visions volunteers joined our local partners in conducting a six-day training this July in Thirukoilur, Tamil Nadu, hosted by our new partner, the Arcot Lutheran Church (ALC). We have follow-up trainings planned to ensure that our leadership development efforts are sustained year-round.



Children's Learning Centres

Visions has partnered with SCOPE India Trust to establish 3 Children's Learning Centres (CLCs) in Madurai, South India in

offering after-school tuition in the subject areas of language, reading, math, English, and science, for children in Standards 1-10 from poor *dalit* communities. Additionally, libraries are being established with diverse reading materials such as comics and storybooks that children can borrow and take home, computer education is being initiated, and mentors receive ongoing training.

Tribal School Support (SAWED Trust)

SAWED Trust, our original partner in India committed to empowering youth, women, and society's most vulnerable



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2011 Financial Summary*

Total Income	\$116,401.67
<i>General Donations</i>	<i>\$82,230.03</i>
<i>Events/Fundraisers</i>	<i>\$25,610.44</i>
<i>Volunteer Program Fees</i>	<i>\$8,561.20</i>
Total Expenses	\$95,247.83
<i>Programming (86.1%)</i>	<i>\$81,996.46</i>
<i>Administrative (8.3%)</i>	<i>\$7,920.74</i>
<i>Fundraising & Events (5.6%)</i>	<i>\$5,330.63</i>
Net Income	\$21,153.84

*Data reflects period of December 1, 2010—December 1, 2011 only

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