



Welcome to our Newsletter Issue 9! We wish you and your families a happy and prosperous 2018.

Background of the Tamil Engineers Foundation

Tamil Engineers Foundation (TEF) was established in 2007 to collectively participate spiritually and morally for the long lasting peace in our homeland. This is a non-political, non-profitable and charity focused organisation. The main objective is to help the needy school/university children, orphanage centres, hospitals and other charity organisations in North and East of Sri-Lanka. This is a registered organisation with a licence to raise funds for charitable purposes.

We have undertaken many charitable activities over the last 11 years –which have been well received.

Our Vision

We are a global caring charity organisation that aims to help the needy and affected people in North and East of Sri Lanka and people living in similar circumstances overseas.

Our Mission

To provide financial and moral support to help the needy school/university children, orphanage centres, hospitals and other charity organisations in North and East of Sri-Lanka while maintaining strong links with other charity organisations locally and internationally.

Our Values

- Respect, care and help each other
- Maintain honesty, integrity and excellence
- Provide moral and financial support to needy and disadvantaged people
- Inspiring a legacy of social awareness and compassion

Regional Funding

In general we have divided North & East into five regions (1) Mannar Area (2) Trincomalee Area (3) Vanni Area (4) Batticaloa Area (5) Jaffna Area. We share our funds between these five regions to implement humanitarian projects.

2017 Collection Summary

Throughout 2017, an amount of \$34,500 was received as voluntary contributions which include the Thai Pongal Contributions received during January 2017. The cultural program “Enthira Maali-2017” was organised in Sydney (Oct), Fund Raising Dinner at Melbourne (Nov), Paduku Padu” was organised in Brisbane (June) and Music and Dance program was at Canberra (July) in which the total amount of \$77,000 was raised. The total collection in 2017 was approximately **\$111,500**.

THAI PONGAL VILLA AT SYDNEY MURUGAN TEMPLE

Thai Pongal Day is being celebrated by the Tamil Engineers Foundation each year at Sydney Murugan Temple. Joint bajan is performed by the members followed by lunch and evening prasatham. TEF members, families and friends participate in this great event at the temple and this event also forms a platform for engineers, professionals, well-wishers and their families to meet and develop networking.



DONATION TO SIVAN ARUL ILLAM AT THIRUKETHESWARAM

Amount of **\$2337** was donated to provide child sponsorships to 11 school attending children who live under the poverty line. These children have lost their fathers in the recent troubles, and their mothers / guardians suffer from reduced income.



DONATION TO E'FACULTY AT KILINOCHCHI - SCHOLRSHIPS

Amount of \$2980 was donated to E 'Faculty at Kilinochchi to provide Scholarships (Rs3000 per month) to 10 needy and affected students.



DONATION TO SCHOOL AT TRINCOMALEE – BOOKS TO LIBRARY

Amount of \$2100.00 donated to purchase new books to the school library of Elangaithurai Mugathuvaram Hindu College, at Trincomalee. The ceremony to hand over the new books to the school library took place on 15 Sept 2017.



DONATION TO ORPHANAGE CENTRES AT TRINCOMALEE

Amount of \$2000 was donated to “Livelihood Trincomalee” to arrange new cloths to 50 children of the following three orphanages in Trincomalee area.

- a. Annai Saratha Girls Home
- b. Sri Shanmuga Boys Home
- c. Safe House



DONATION TO MENTALLY & PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN AT MADRAS, INDIA

Amount of \$2140 was donated to Premavasam in Madras, India to provide the following essential items to help the mentally and physically challenged and less fortunate children.

- a. Washing Machine
- b. 42” Flat Screen TV
- c. Therapeutic Exercise Machine.

JAFFNA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Amount of \$3114 was donated towards scholarships for 10 students at Jaffna University (Rs3000 per month for 12 months period).

SUICIDE PREVENTION IN SRI LANKA

Amount of \$1000 was donated to SLS TRUST for suicide prevention program (SUMITHRAYO) in Jaffna & Vanni area.

DONATION TO MAHADEVA ARCHIRAMAM AT KILINOCHCHI

Amount of **\$2554** was donated to extend the child sponsorships to 6 children for another 12 month period at Mahadeva Archiramam @ Kilinochchi. This orphanage provides accommodation, food and education to 450 children (boys & girls) who sought refuge after the troubles at Vanni. TEF provide support to this centre in various ways to help the children for the last few years.



DONATION TO MICRO SUPPORT OF TRINCOMALEE

Amount of **\$1906** was donated for the round 3 of the Revolving Loan (Micro Credit) Project for 10 identified women headed families in Trincomalee.



DONATION TO E'FACULTY AT KILINOCHCHI – 75 Nos DRAWING SET BOXES

Amount of **\$1100** was donated to E' Faculty at Kilinochchi in March 2017 to fund 25Nos Drawing Set Boxes to the students. These drawing set boxes will be returned to the E'Faculty once the students completed their 1st year course and it will be given to the next batch & so on and it will be managed by Eng Faculty Student Union (ESU).

Also another **\$2400** was donated to E'Faculty to fund additional 50 Nos Drawing Set Boxes in Dec 2017 as requested by the faculty to provide the instruments to the new batch in 2017.



DONATION TO HINDU COUNCIL OF SRI LANKA – RECONSTRUCTION OF WELLS

Amount of \$4500 was donated to Hindu Council of Sri Lanka to reconstruct well in Vanna area. In total 5 wells were reconstructed / refurbished under this project, 2 wells were funded by TEF and the remaining 3 wells were funded by Hindu Council of SL from the funds collected locally.



DONATION OF BICYCLES TO DISPLACED FAMILIES OF VANNI – REVOLVING LOAN

Amount of \$2000 was donated to CCYE of Jaffna to provide 14 Bicycles to the children of displaced families from Vanni to Jaffna as a Revolving Loan (Micro Credit). This capital fund will be rotated (no interest) every 12 months to provide new bicycles to 14 new beneficiaries, which will benefit many hundreds of needy families in the years to come.



DONATION TO ELDERS HOME AT KARINAGAR, JAFFNA

Amount of \$1500.00 was donated to provide rice and dhal to Elders Home at Karinagar to help them to continue their service to feed the elderly people in that area. Arrangements have been made with Kugan Stores Jaffna to deliver rice & dhal worth Rs.10, 000 to the Elders day care centre on a monthly basis for the next 15 months.



DONATION TO VANNI HOPE – REVOLVING LOAN (MICRO CREDIT)

Amount of **\$3623** was donated to VANNI HOPE to implement a Revolving Loan Women Empowerment Project (no interest) to 25 families through “Women Development Cultural Society of kilinochchi”. The families used the loan amounts to establish corner shop, poultry, tailoring, dairy farming and cultivation to get a livelihood income to support their day to day expenses.

USED ENGINEERING BOOKS TO E' FACULTY LIBRARY

Amount of \$440 was contributed towards sending used engineering books to E'Faculty of Kilinochchi Library.

DONATION TO MORATUWA UNIVERSITY - SCHOLRSHIPS

Amount of \$3600 was donated to Moratuwa Uni Literary Association to grant scholarships to 11 students for the next 12 months period (Rs3000 per month). Ten students from Moratuwa Uni and one student from the medical faculty of Colombo University were selected.



DONATION TO CHILD SPONSORSHIPS IN JAFFNA (KARUVI)

Amount of \$2157 was donated to Karuvi Organisation in Jaffna to provide child sponsorships to 10 children of affected families for 12 months period.

DONATION TO HARI ILLAM ORPHANAGE AT BATTICALOA

Amount of \$1360 was donated to Hari Illam Orphanage at Batticaloa to arrange after school tuition classes in Maths, Science & English to the Orphans at the centre.



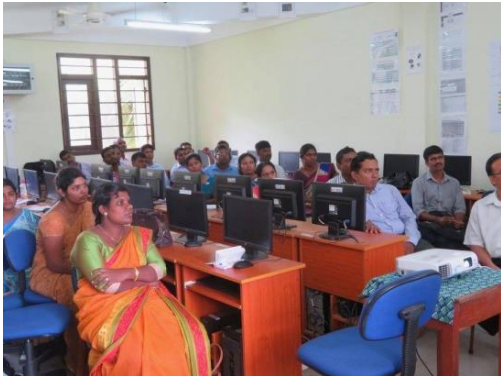
DONATION TO VAALLVAHAM SPECIAL NEEDS CENTRE AT BATTICALOA

Amount of \$4000.00 was donated to Vaallvham Special Needs Centre at Batticaloa to purchase a Three Wheeler.



DONATION TO SJC 87 COMMITTEE FOR GOOGLE APPS SEMINARS

Amount of **\$2100** was donated to SJC87 Committee for sponsoring the Google Apps seminars in Eastern Province in SL. Also please note that TEF has donated \$2345.00 in 2016 sponsoring the similar workshop running cost in the Northern Province in Sri Lanka. These ICT Workshops on Google for education were conducted to train teachers and students in the war torn areas of Sri Lanka. As part of this program Seventeen workshops and Seminars across the country over 21 days were delivered by Mr. Sooriyakumar of SJC 87 Committee in Sept 2017.



DONATION FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES at VANNI

Amount of **\$1500** was donated to a Tuition Centre at Vanni to provide after school classes in Maths, Science and English to the needy and affected children who lost their parents.



DONATION TO VAVUNIYA HOSPITAL – 1200 BEDSHEETS

Amount of **\$4892** was donated to Vavuniya Hospital to provide 1200 double hospital Bed Sheets + 100 Pillows to enhance patient care at the hospital.



DONATIONS FOR TUBE WELL & PIPE WORK FOR A SCHOOL AT BATTICALOA

Amount of **\$600** was donated to “Women Action Network for Transformation” at Jaffna to build a tube well & pipe work to the school Kudumbimalai Kumaran Vidiyalayam at a remote area of Batticaloa.



DONATION TO SPECIAL MEALS TO THE ORPHANS

Amount of **\$1095** was donated to various orphanage centres i.e. Sivan Arul Ellam at Thuruketheswaram, Mahadeva Archramam at kilinochchi and Amman Illam at Kathangudi to provide special meals to the orphans.



DONATION TO HINDU MAHALIR MANRAM AT BATTICALOA

\$2050 was donated to implement Stage 2 of the Revolving Loan Projects to 10 women headed families.



DONATION TO SIVAN ARUL ILLAM – REVOLVING LOAN PROJECT

Amount of **\$3312** was donated to Sivan Arul Illam of Thiruketheswaram to implement a Revolving Loan Scheme (through CCYE of Jaffna) to establish Tube Wells to 15 affected families. These families were in refugee camps for many years during the troubles and have now resettled in Thellipali, Jaffna area. The SL Govt has given a parcel of land to each of these families and implemented a housing scheme. Unfortunately no water supply was provided.

The Revolving Loan funds will be recovered in the next 15 months and will be provided to new beneficiaries to enhance their livelihoods.



DONATION TO HINDU COUNCIL OF SRI LANKA – REVOLVING LOAN

Amount of \$2700 was donated to Hindu Council of Sri Lanka to implement a Revolving Loan Project in Mannar area. This project involves of **providing Rs30, 000 loan (no interest) to 10 women headed families in Mannar** to establish livelihood income generating opportunities i.e. cattle rearing, tailoring, home gardening, agriculture, corner shop etc. This project will be managed by the Mangaiyar Mandrams in the respective areas to ensure empowerment of women and introduce micro financing to them.

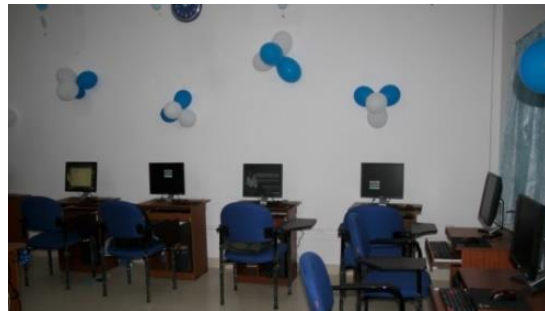


DONATION TO HINDU MAHALIR MANRAM BATTICALOA

Amount of \$847 was donated to Hindu Mahalir Manram at Batticaloa to fund the Hostel Facilities of 4 affected GCE A/L students to complete the year 12.

DONATION TO A SCHOOL AT REMOTE AREA TO ESTABLISH A COMPUTER LAB

Amount of **\$2500** was donated to establish a Computer Lab at Poonakary Sri Vickneswara Vidyalam. Also Care4Education (USA) made a contribution of US\$1000 towards this worthy project.



DONATION FOR A PROJECTOR & PHOTOCOPIER TO A SCHOOL AT BATTICALOA

Amount of \$2150 was donated to Irunooruvil school at Batticaloa to fund the Photocopier & Projector to enhance the students education.



CULTURAL PROGRAM IN SYDNEY ENTHIRA MAALAI 2017

During Oct 2017 cultural program was staged in Sydney to raise funds for charity. Approximately 500 people attended the event which was well received by the Sydney community. An amount of \$36,060 was raised.



DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT EVENING 2017 IN MELBOURNE

During Nov 2017 a dinner and entertainment evening was staged in Melbourne to raise funds. It was a full house event with approximately 350 attendees. An amount of \$18,000 was raised for charity.



CULTURAL PROGRAM IN CANBERRA

During June 2017 a cultural program was staged in Canberra. Amount of \$6000 which was raised at this event was donated to Mahillaham Project of AMAF to help the affected school children in North & East of Sri Lanka.

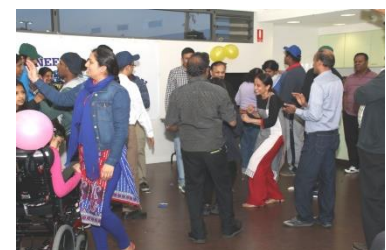
PADDUKU PADDU PROGRAM IN BRISBANE

During June 2017 a music program “Padduku Paddu” by famous radio announcer Abdul Hameed & his team was staged in Brisbane to raise funds. It was a house full event, which was enjoyed by all. An amount of \$23,934 was raised for charity.



DISCO DANCE & ENTERTAINMENT FOR FAMILIES OF SAMARPAN

In Aug 2017, a disco dance & entertainment evening was organised for the children of Samarpan Organisation in Sydney. This event touched the hearts and minds of everyone. This event was organised to help the families of “Samarpan” to provide entertainment, companionship & friendship to their children who have been deprived of normal life. The event was very successful and was well enjoyed by the children and parents alike.



PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN in 2017

TEF has undertaken humanitarian projects in 2017 to the approximate value of \$75,000 as detailed below,

- a. Child sponsorships - \$9,500
- b. Revolving Loans & Livelihood Projects - \$14,500
- c. University Scholarships - \$12,500
- d. Humanitarian Projects & Support to Orphanage centres - \$8,500
- e. Medical assistance projects - \$10,000
- f. Educational assistance projects - \$17,500

Several more projects are in the evaluation stage and will be implemented shortly in early 2018

Child Sponsorship and support to orphanage centres

BACKGROUND

As per published statistics Northern Province of Sri Lanka has about 16,000¹ children who have either lost one or both parents out of which about 2,500 children are living in child development centers operated by voluntary service organisations. In addition, Eastern Province has about 1,800² children living in similar centers. There are more than 125 such centers across north and east of Sri Lanka at various level or condition. Government subsidy of Rs. 500/- per month is paid for each child in these centers which is barely sufficient to meet their basic needs. Many of these centers depend on donor support to look after the children and help them grow and achieve their ambitions.

In addition, there are children who have either lost one or both parents living with their families or relatives who will also need assistance for basic needs and education.

OUR VISION

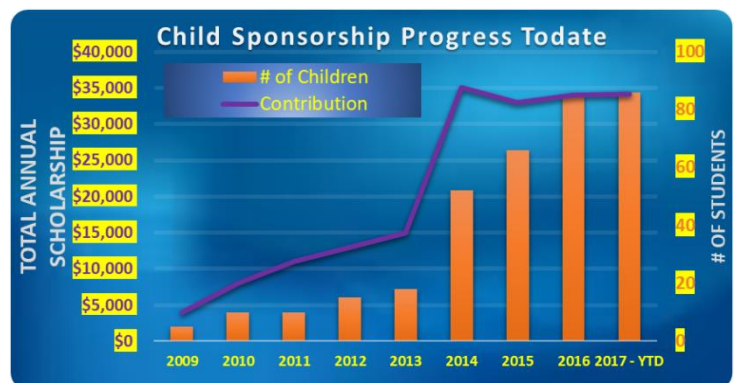
To provide support to about 1% of needy children (Approx. 200 children) without one or both parents in the North and East of Sri Lanka on a regular basis. Though we recognize and support that the best model for these children will be to live in a home environment, either with their remaining parent or relatives, we also recognize that the immediate need of the children in these centers cannot be ignored and we need to gradually work with organizations to support home based care as well.

TEF CONTRIBUTION TO-DATE

Over the last few years through the support of its donors TEF has contributed around \$187,000 which includes both Child Sponsorship & contribution to Orphanages.

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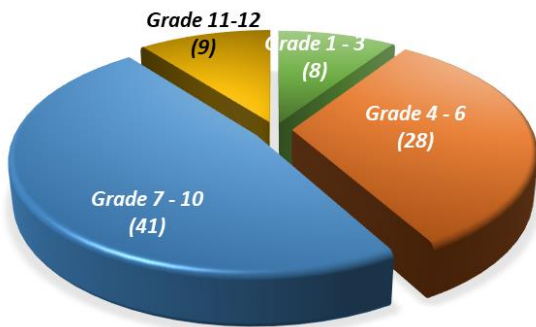
TEF currently provides child sponsorship support to about 86 children across north and east of Sri Lanka through different organisations operating on the ground.



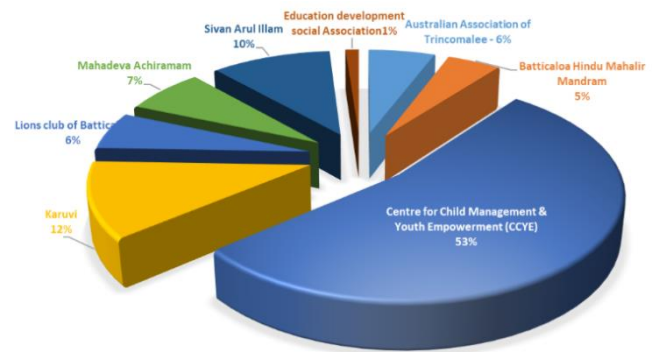
¹ Statistical information of the Northern Province, 2014, Chief Secretary's secretariat, Northern Province

² Annual Implementation plan, 2013, Department of probation and child care services, Eastern province
Engineers Charity Fund

STUDENT DISTRIBUTION BY GRADES



CHILD DISTRIBUTION BY ORGANISATION



Above organisations monitor the children’s’ progress and provide us with biannual progress reports from the schools. Child’s need for support is continuously reviewed by the organizations and reported before funding is released for the next phase. If the child’s need changes that allows us to divert the support to another needy child.

Revolving Loans and Livelihood Projects

BACKGROUND

Sri Lanka’s north and east had to bear the brunt of the brutal civil war over a thirty-year period which left many families without their sole bread winners. There are many thousands of women headed families finding it hard to make their ends meet. TEF identified this as a major gap and started funding for this noble cause since 2013. The aim of this program is to give these families a much-needed head start to stand on their feet. This has been proven very successful as the funds are revolved after a fixed term to help another group of families.

OUR VISION

To provide support to the conflict-affected communities, particularly those socially and economically from the north and east and other part of Sri Lanka on a continuing basis to strengthen their capacity to become self-sufficient through engagement in fair and equitable livelihood opportunities, while providing long term benefits and increasing opportunities for interaction within and between communities. We use revolving loan as an interim vehicle for achieving the above objective though we are continuously exploring other feasible vehicles to realise our vision.

TEF CONTRIBUTION TO-DATE

Since 2013 through the support of donors, Tamil Engineers foundation has contributed close to \$45,000 towards this cause to create livelihood opportunities through various activities such as poultry, farming, goats rearing, dairy farming, sewing, food preparation etc. in the districts defined in foundation’s constitution. More than 15 such revolving loan projects have been implemented benefiting about 350 families. Around 100 additional families get the benefit every year.



This year we have experimented a new type of revolving loan of donating bicycles to vulnerable school children, these bicycles will be passed onto another group of children after a fixed term. We are also exploring other such projects as the same investment will help multiple groups of people. This is a very effective way of utilizing the funds and there will only be a small administrative expense incurred when it is re-implemented at the next stage.

STATUS

2017 revolving loan implementation projects.

Livelihood Projects	
Revolving Loan implementation of Round 3 - Livelihood Trincomalee	\$ 1,906.00
Revolving Loan project - Hindu Council Sri Lanka	\$ 2,700.00
Revolving Loan for tube wells for newly resettled families - Sivan Arul Illam	\$ 3,312.00
Build a tube well & pipe line for a school in Batticaloa	\$ 625.00
Livelihood Project for Mayavanoor Women Empowerment - Vanni Hope	\$ 3,623.00
Livelihood Project (Bicycles to 14 children)- Sivan Arul Illam	\$ 1,757.00
Revolving Loan Admin Fees	\$ 707.00
TOTAL to date	\$ 14,630.00

SELECTION AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING

TEF works closely with the above organizations to select the appropriate recipients for the program. These organizations have established reliable infrastructure and network for doing charity work in Sri Lanka. These organizations work at grass root level and also work closely with the local government bodies. This collaboration helps to identify the appropriate beneficiaries for our programs. The local authorities and these organizations keep a record of the recipients and ensure to provide us with regular reporting on the progress of the program. TEF ensures proper checks and balances are in place to ensure the integrity of the projects funded. TEF has so far been able to support more than 150 recipients and cycle the loans up to 2-3 cycles in three different areas.

University Scholarship Schemes

BACKGROUND

Every year around 3000 students from the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka are admitted into various academic programs at different universities. A percentage of these students face financial hardship due to loss of family income because of the loss of their parents or the loss of parent's jobs during the internal conflict. They struggle to afford the day to day expenses such as accommodation, food, travel etc. and study related expenses. Though the government has recently increased the "Mahapola/Bursary" scholarships which most of the deserving students are entitled to receive, in most cases this is still insufficient for some students who do not receive any other financial support from their family.

OUR VISION

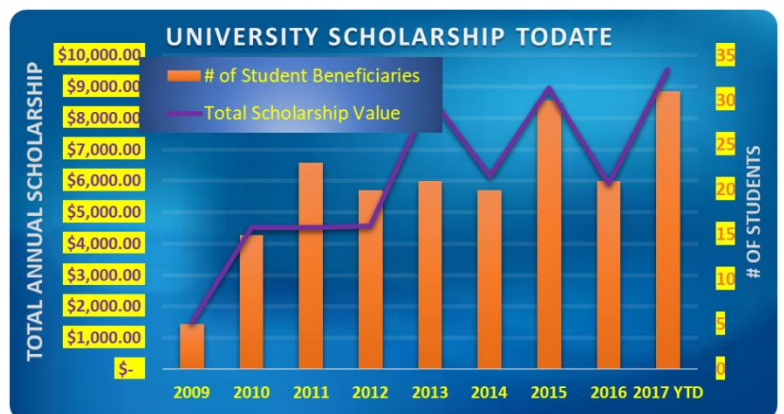
To ensure each deserving student from the areas identified in article 3.3 of the constitution who is not receiving another form of support sufficient to continue his education without undue financial pressure be provided with financial and moral support.

We will also explore feasibility of converting some of the scholarships to interest free loans which they could pay back in the future to support other students.

TEF Contribution to-date

TEF has funded a total of around \$54,000 in university scholarships over the years and an estimated 185 students have benefitted from these scholarships. In addition, TEF has also made two fixed deposits with the following universities for ongoing scholarships.

- \$15000 in 2015 - For scholarship scheme at the Engineering Faculty, UOJ, Kilinochchi.
- \$10,000 in 2016 - For scholarship scheme at University of Jaffna.



STATUS

Currently TEF provide scholarship for 50 students from North, East and upcountry areas who are studying in four universities (Peradeniya, Moratuwa, Batticaloa, Jaffna and Engineering Faculty at Kilinochchi which is under University of Jaffna). For 2017, Jaffna, Moratuwa and Kilinochchi Engineering faculty scholarships have been implemented and the Batticaloa University will be implemented soon.

SELECTION AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING

TEF offers these scholarships through administration/registrar, student unions and cultural societies such as university Tamil society etc. Periodic reports are received from the administering body. Priority is given to students who have lost their parents or come from women headed families, facing financial hardship and in the first year of studies.

Medical Assistance Projects

BACKGROUND

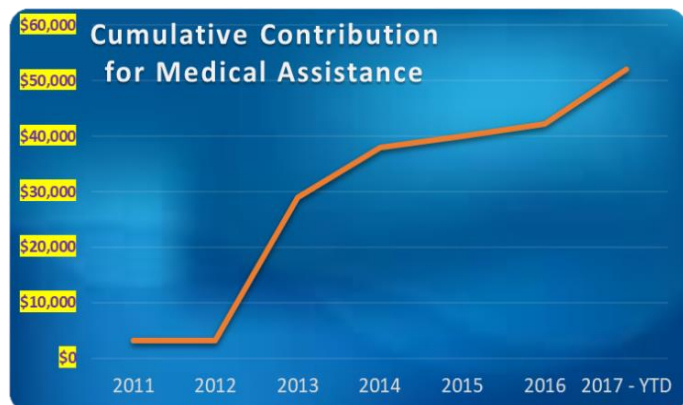
Due to recent war, there has been a shortage of medical professionals and resources in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka. This has resulted in several people not receiving essential health care in these areas. These include cataract surgery and limb fitting.

OUR VISION

To complement the available local medical resources and provide support where local resources are lacking for the needy in regions of Mannar, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Vanni and Jaffna as identified in the constitution. Identify and prioritise the neediest and fund treatment in areas such as eye care and limb fittings with the help of medical professionals in these regions.

TEF CONTRIBUTION TO-DATE

Over the last six years, it was necessary to prioritise and fund some health care projects such as limb fittings and cataract surgeries and donation of medical equipment to some hospitals lacking facilities. We have been selective in our involvement in this area and conscious of the fact that other similar organisations also focus in this area. TEF focused mainly on the cataract operations given the urgent need in this area. TEF supplied 800 lenses for these operations and funded operating facilities to complete about 400 cataract operations to date. TEF has contributed over \$52,000 towards medical and health care related projects over the years.



SELECTION AND MONITORING

Selection is based on recommendations from local bodies. Selection for cataract surgeries is based on input from surgeons at local hospitals, local organizations, community leaders etc. Limb fitting selection was based on input from NGOs and supply of medical equipment is based on request/recommendation from local hospital doctors and community leaders and based on assessment of the perceived benefit to the community.

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Recently through the overwhelming support of the members contributed to the kidney transplant operation for a young boy. Based on request for support from Vavuniya hospital donated bedsheets and pillows.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

BACKGROUND

Due to the recent war, there has been a severe shortage of trained teachers and adequate educational resources in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka. This has led to a sharp decline in the educational achievement of students from these areas. Only around 50% of students qualify to study A/L from the O/L examinations in the districts such as Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu etc. In addition, there is a severe lack of qualified Science, Mathematics and English teachers for O/L in these districts.

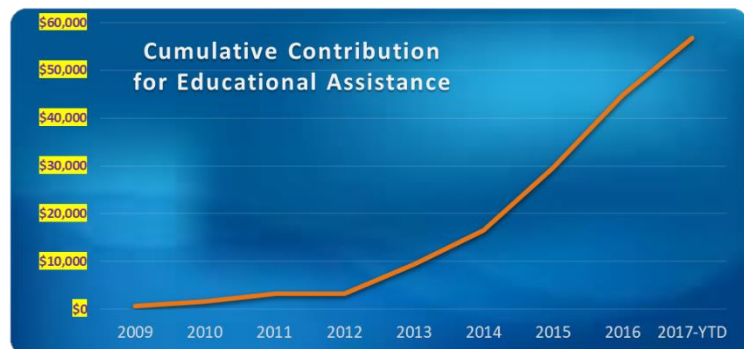
OUR VISION

To provide educational support and resources to disadvantaged students in North and east of Sri Lanka to ensure academic standards are improved in these areas so that the student can gain admission too Universities, Technical colleges or other trade related courses to establish a career path.

This involves conducting intensive coaching classes with the aim of improving the results in the GCE (O/L) and GCE (A/L) examinations and providing awards for high achievers in science and mathematics stream in five educational districts.

TEF CONTRIBUTION TO-DATE

Over the last eight years, TEF has been funding projects through SJC87 initiative and Trincomalee District Development Association to conduct coaching classes in Vanni, Trincomalee and Batticaloa districts. In addition to this TEF also contributed towards various educational resources for the benefit of students.



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STATUS

Conducting training workshops for teachers in northern and eastern provinces. Providing Educational assistance and books to library for a school in Echchilampattu, Trincomalee. Districts. Support to establish drinking water facilities to a school in Kudumbimalai in Batticaloa district. TEF recently donated drawing instruments to Engineering faculty students of Jaffna university Engineering faculty at Kilinochchi. Funded establishment of a computer lab at Poonakary Sri Vickneswara Vidyalayam through the TEF Victoria chapter.

SELECTION AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Selection of students, schools and teachers is performed by SJC'87 and TDDA members on the ground who has a stringent review method for selection. Periodic reporting is provided by both these bodies to TEF about the progress of the classes and students.

Details of Projects Undertaken

- Child Sponsorships to 85 children who lost their parents
- Scholarships to University students (40Nos)
- Revolving Loan Projects (Micro Credit) to help the women headed families to establish a livelihood income.
- Funding to hospitals for essential items.
- Construction of wells and tube wells for the displaced families.
- Funding books to School Libraries of Schools at remote areas.
- Funding to E' Faculty at Kilinochchi for Instruments, bicycles etc.
- GCE O/L & A/L Coaching Classes
- Financial support to Orphanage Centres / Elders homes.
- Donation of Bicycles to affected school children.
- Funding for Suicide Prevention Program in SL
- Establishment of Computer Labs to schools in remote areas.
- Providing funds for special meals to children at Orphanage centres.
- Books, stationaries, IT equipment for remote schools

Vote of appreciation

Many organisations have worked with us, hand in hand over the years to implement our charity efforts effectively to help the underprivileged and affected people in our homeland.

- Ramakrishna Mission, Colombo / Batticaloa
- Sivan Arul Ilalm, Mannar. Mahadeva Archiramam Children Home, Kilinochi. Hari Illam Orphanage Batticaloa.
- Hindu Council of Sri Lanka.
- International Sustainable Livelihood Foundation, USA. Anpuneri Organisation, California, USA
- Sydney Murugan Temple April Pongal Celebration Group. God Owned Children Foundation.
- Sai Group in Melbourne. Annual get-together (Pera 77/78 batch) camp organising group in Melbourne.
- Shivananda College Batticaloa, Old Boys Association, Sydney. Hindu Mahalir Manram, Batticaloa
- Udippidy American Mission College (OBA— Sydney)
- Destitute Welfare Fund at Mannar, Cinmaya Organisation for Rural Development (CORD) and Siva Poomi Disable School at Kondavil
- Olivia Homes, Melbourne. Fulton Hogan Constructions, Sydney.
- University of Jaffna/Batticaloa/Peradeniya/ Moratuwa, St Johns College 87 Committee and Northern Provincial Dept. of Education.
- Our members and well-wishers in USA, UK, Canada, New Zealand & Sri Lanka.

The committee extends its sincere gratitude and thanks to everyone who has made contribution in helping the Tamil Engineers Foundation financially assist the needy people in our homeland. Voluntary contributions received during 2017 from Australia & overseas was approximately \$34,500 which is an excellent outcome.

The total amount donated to humanitarian activities in 2017 has exceeded **\$75,000 (Rs 9.0 Million)**. Also there are few projects in evaluation stage which will be funded shortly in early 2018. This indicates that a tremendous support is given by you to our charity. We like to commend our members for their great support, generosity and passion towards helping the affected people in our homeland. We hope your support will continue for the years to come.

Voluntary contributions for 2018

The fundraising for 2018 has now commenced and the committee would appreciate your contributions towards Thai Pongal Day Celebrations at Sydney Murugan Temple, by 12 January 2018. For more details or to make a contribution, please contact the committee members or access the Tamil Engineers Foundation website www.tamilengineers.net/

“Help each other, help someone else. Serve the world with your peaceful heart. A soul generated by love, feel the joy of that! Believe that a peaceful world is our destiny.

(Martin Luther King –Ways to bring peace in the world)