

Katkulam-3 Village Project by CHRF-UK (2017 – 2020)

People from north and east fled from their home to other parts of the island and to India as refugees, to safeguard their life due to over 30 years of civil war in Sri Lanka, Now that the War is over, the people are returning to their original places to reclaim their lands and resettle. Unfortunately, the resettlement in their own land were occupied by other people. Those who lost their own land in their original villages were resettled in stages in cleared jungles in Vavuniya near Anuradhapura border. To overcome these problems CHRF have pledged to resolve the problems by providing water supply, toilets, accommodation, pre-schools and job facilities to help them have a secure, self-sufficient and comfortable life in their own environment.

Common tube wells

In 2017/2018, we constructed 5 common tube wells for the use of 78 families at a cost of £3500.00.



Toilets

There were young families, girls and boys using the adjacent woodland area and it was not safe especially in the night and during rainy seasons. We constructed 48 toilets at a cost of about **£11,900.00.**



Livelihood

There were no job opportunities in that village. They had to travel 15 to 20 km to do daily wage jobs. Families were living well below poverty line. We helped 12 families with motors, hose pipes, leather materials, seeds plants to enhance their livelihood at a cost of about £500.00. There were many requests for livestock, poultry, tailoring, shops etc. Due to other major projects, these has not been fulfilled. There are plans to help all the families with suitable livelihood projects cottage industry once the housing project is over.



Preschool

There was no preschool in this new development. Preschool education is an important part of children's education. As part of expansion we constructed a Preschool at a cost of £15,000.00. "One Kind Act" another likeminded charity from UK donated £10,000.00 towards the construction. and it was officially opened on 24/08/2019. On the opening day, children were given school bags uniform and shoes, and 200 families were given sarees and dry food. Total cost was £1800.00. "One Kind Act" very kindly undertook the running cost for 2 years including furnishing and playground equipment.

Preschool building



Construction of permanent houses

In Katkulam-3, families were resettled in temporary sheds a few years ago. Since 2017, the families were asking us to replace the roof of the temporary shelters as they were leaking. We agreed to replace it, but when our field officers visited the houses, they realised that the shelters were uninhabitable. Roofs were leaking, timber and all the woods were rotten, mud walls and floors were falling apart. Not secure for children. We decided to replace these shack houses with one room, kitchen & veranda at a cost of £1500.00. We promised to build 68 houses to this village.



Phase 1 - 10 houses Almost Completed

Comparison of Old shack house versus new house.



Phase 2 - 15 houses Foundation Level

We have started the next phase of houses and foundation is laid.



Phase 3 - 43 houses to be built.