

## Project Summary for Batticaloa District Eastern Province

### Overview:

**Batticaloa District Fisheries Solidarity Organization** is a registered Community-Based Organization in Batticaloa in the Eastern Province Sri Lanka. The organization work with fisher group, women and youth groups to improve their living standards. The district organization encourage women to initiate savings and income generation activities as the poverty level is relatively high in the area.



**During a beach cleaning in Batticaloa**



**Youth members conducting a tree planting campaign**

**Locations** (add villages etc)

**Batticaloa:** In the we work under below villages

**Contacts** (emails and phone of key people)

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- Please click on the below link for the contact of the key people

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Describe the target groups to be involved:

- Youth Groups
- Women Groups
- Volunteers
- School Children

**Overview of current activity**

- Educate youth and women groups on 'Environment Protection'.
- Leadership training for youth groups.
- Collection of plastic items.
- The sales of plastic items, that was collected

**Overview of planned future activity**

- Organize structured training for youth and women groups.
- Develop strong relationship with Government and Private Organizations
- Design a more efficient information exchange system with the districts

**Recycling facilities details**, including nearest Eco Spindle pickup site

- Eco-Spindle agreed to provide the information related to pickup sites.
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**Disposal facilities for non-recyclable waste**

- Planning to discuss with the Ministry of Environment and with Eco-Spindle.

**Opportunities for income**

- Negombo is collecting and selling the items. Other districts can follow up on that.
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**Plans for social media - who is responsible****Plans for other media and publicity**

**Activity reporting:** Send two weekly update to by email to Gamini

1) First Youth clean-up campaign in Batticaloa District.

1. The District Coordinator of Batticaloa said that an exemplary program to collect and remove plastic and other waste at the Batticaloa beach was conducted on August 23 with the participation of 16 youth members under the guidance of NAFSO to protect nature from the use of plastic and related waste. This was a youth program conducted in the Batticaloa district, after their recent youth group planning meeting. Youth members agreed to continue the cleaning program every month and have requested to organize a few youth leadership training for them.
2. The youth team informed that they had a meeting with UNDP to seek support for the 'Plastic Waste Management Activities On the 29th of September 2022.





<b>Date</b>	20.10.2022
<b>The number of people attended</b>	50
<b>Time Spend</b>	03 hours (50x 3= 150 hours )

The Coordinator of Batticaloa attended a meeting organised by a Divisional Secretariat in Batticaloa on the 20th of October 2022. This meeting was organized by the Manmunai Divisional Secretariat to discuss addressing the garbage problem in the area and to develop a recycling process.

The Coordinator explained our plastic collection program that NAFSO has initiated. The Divisional Secretary has agreed to help her in this effort and has instructed the officials to support the plastic collection activities in all villages in the Divisional Area.



NAFSO district coordinator, Batticaloa attended a meeting organized by the Manmunai Divisional Secretariat on Waste Management in the Manmunai area, on 20.10.2022. At the meeting, she highlighted the accumulation of garbage along the rivers in the area and the possibility of plastic waste getting into the water.

The chairmen of the Manmuneai Municipal council have taken immediate steps to address the issue. On the 02nd of November about 05 Municipal waste cleaning staff have come to the area and cleaned and taken away the garbage that was collected in the river bank area.

The district coordinator informed us that she has requested the Divisional Secretary, that she wants to meet the Provincial Minister of Environment to discuss and explain the 'Plastic Waste Management project' and the Environment Protection programs organized by the Batticaloa district youth team.



The district coordinator, Batticaloa, informed me today ( 08.11.2022) that after she explained the pollution of the waterways in the Manmunei area, to the Divisional Secretary, the Municipal council of Manmunei is continuously involved in cleaning the waterways in the area. 04 cleaning staff of the Municipal council have attended cleaning and collection of plastic and other waste items in waterways today. It is a good improvement that our district teams have a strong relationship with Government agencies.



Date: 17.11.2022

Number of people attended : 20 youth

Number of hours : (20x 2 hours) 40 hours

The youth members of the Eravur Divisional area, Batticaloa district conducted their monthly meeting followed by a beach cleaning program and plastic pick-up activity on the 17th of November 2022. 16 women and 04 men attended the program. At the youth meeting, the members decided to expand the beach cleaning and plastic pick-up campaign in the Eravur area with the help of the Eravur Municipal Council. Youth members have decided to meet the Chairman of the Eravur Municipal Council to discuss the program and seek his help for future clean-up activities.





Date of the Event :02.02.2023

Number of People attended : 42

Number of hours : 01 hour (42x01= 42 hours)



Members of the fisher community organizations and the members of the City council in Batticaloa district conducted a plastic collection event in the Kattanudi coastal area, on 02.02.2023. 42 people attended the cleaning event. Members of these organizations have decided to function as a network to prevent plastic dumping on beaches. They have decided to declare the area a plastic-free zone.

