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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF TAMILS IN SRI LANKA AND
PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE.

New Year | New Team | But Mission unaccomplished...

SCOT has served the Tamil speaking people of Sri Lanka, with your support, for the last forty years. Tamil areas today have fallen far behind the other areas in Sri Lanka than when we started. These areas rank at the bottom of education, employment, health and socio-economic tables due to systematic neglect and war.

We cannot do the same thing and expect different results. We all need to change our approach, harness the financial and non-financial resources of the worldwide Tamil diaspora and work within an overall framework to have any measurable impact. SCOT has and will continue to partner with others organisations. However, there is a need to reach out to more of the diaspora organisations and other, governmental and non-governmental bodies.

Please see our strategy elsewhere in this Newsletter. We need your ideas, comments, feedback, participation and support. Please contact us as a matter of urgency to help us serve the Tamils in need.

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Children projects



Education projects



Livelihood Projects

தமிழ் புத்தாண்டு வரலாற்றுக்கள்

கனவுகளுடன் முடிந்து விடக் கூடாது நெற்றியை நாள்
சாதனைகளுக்காக மிஞ்சிநிற்கக் கூடாது இன்றைய நாள்.
நாடகம் பெருமை மிக்கவை அழிவும்
இந்த நாள் தமிழருக்கு அருமை மிக்கது.
விடியல் காணப் போகும் விழிகளுக்கு
தமிழ் தோழமைகளுக்கு இதோ
தமிழர் புத்தாண்டு நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

Tamil New Year Lunch and Lecture

The SCOT General Council and I have great pleasure in inviting you, along with your family and friends, to our 'Tamil New Year Lunch and Lecture' on **Sunday the 28th of April 2019**, at Chiswick Town Hall, Heathfield Terrace, Chiswick, London W4 4JN. (Please see leaflet attached)

SCOT Mission and strategy

The situation for the Tamil speaking people in the North, East and the Malayalam still remains dire. For example, percentages of people below the poverty line are largest in Tamil areas; 1% and 3% in Colombo and Galle compared to a staggering 18%, 13%, 11%, 10% and 8% in Killinochi, Mullaitivu, Batticaloa, Trinco and Jaffna respectively. Tamil areas are in need of structured development programmes for education, economy and for societal redevelopment.

The strategy of SCOT going forward is to:

- **prioritise Education, Employment and following on from there Empowerment, and**
- **pool resources by working with other organisations in the UK and Homeland.**

Firstly, our funding is a drop in the ocean compared to the needs. Secondly, we are only focussing on some, albeit key, aspects of the needs. As such other diaspora organisations in the UK & abroad need to fill the gaps. We need an overall framework to co-ordinate the work of independent diaspora organisations. The "Economic Development Framework for North" gives us all the overall framework and that's why we invited Dr Arumugam Kandiah to present it at our annual lunch. We are looking for such frameworks for East & Malayalam as well.

We have already started working other organisations and we will continue develop further ties. The first of our game-changing joint projects was to train 20 English teacher trainers by British council and using them to train 720 English teachers, in conjunction with EDFSL (Educational Development Forum Sri Lanka).

We have short-listed other projects in fisheries, IT, Co-operatives and retail. An example of such a project in fisheries includes working with another charity to resettle thousands of fisher folk back in their own lands following displacement by military occupation. North & East supplied 80% of the sea food in Sri Lanka until the 80s. Several thousand fisher-folk families have been displaced since then, losing employment opportunities in fishing, associated work and above all their lands. This project will have a lasting impact on our people and rebuild traditional communities.

We need your help to execute the above strategy, help monitor projects, bring organisations together and to help access institutional funds. Please join us to make a lasting difference to our people.

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Lists of Projects undertaken at present:

- A. English Teaching Project jointly with EDFSL
- B Tread Mill -for Mannar Hospital
- C. cataract Operations
- D. WANT-Child Development IT project
- E. WANT-Books & Tube wells
- F Orphanages each for Hari children's, Swami Vivekananda and Thilagavathiar
- G Ilavala Children's Home within Convent
- H St Don Bosco Children's Home
- I IDRG Fund

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