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Community Development Service for Plantations
Diocese of Galle



‘ CODESEEP PROJECT ’

“ *Dignity of Man is the Glory of God* ”

INTRODUCTION

“ *Codesep* ” is a newly formed Church Organization with its main centre in the premises of the Catholic Church of Saint Joseph, at Deniyaya. to implement projects to uplift and better the life of the People of the Plantation Sector in the Districts of Galle and in the Southern Province.

Most of the project locations are on the many Estates in and around the towns of Deniyaya, Pitabeddera and Akuressa in the District of Matara and a few selected Estates in and around the towns of Elpitiya, Uduagama, and Baddegama in the District of Galle.

VISION

- Based on the Gospel values of Justice, Peace and Love, a **Better Life for the People of the Plantations** in the Southern Province, irrespective of race and religion.

MISSION

- Establishment of

A - human dignity and self respect within each human being of this underprivileged and marginalized sector of the Plantation People in the Southern Province.

B - the social integration of the minority Indian origin Tamils on the estates and the majority Sinhalese of the surrounding villages, with Peace and Harmony among them.

The outcome of the Programme.

- (1) Improved and better life for the people of the plantations through education awareness, animation and group building.
- (2) Improved Industry as a result of a duty-conscious and dedicated work force.
- (3) Improved and better citizens for the country at large.

ACTIVITIES

A. *Initially*

- ***Selection of dedicated persons*** from the Plantations and training ***and animating them as fulltime Animators*** and assigning them with tasks.
- ***Introducing the Project*** to Individuals and Groups of persons ,connected to the life and work among the plantation people – Managers ,Superintendents,Welfare supervisors,GAs,AGAs, Gramasevakas,and Officials from the Department of Education Police and Health.
- ***With the permission of the Estate management*** of each estate, the ***visits by Animators to the Estates*** to collect baseline information to formulate plans of action.
- ***Worker-group discussions*** to emphasize the equal importance of duties and rights.
- ***Formation of Groups.***

B. *Once Groups are organized*

- ***Monthly meetings*** to work out an Action Plan for the month.
- ***Shramadhana,***
- ***Literacy class for elders,*** and focusing on social issues like alcoholism health hazards, registering and getting Birth certificates and IDs, formation of a thrift society, leadership training, family budget, etc
- ***Formal and Informal education.***-such as organizing extra evening classes and periodical seminars for difficult subjects in preparation for Year 05 Scholarship Examination and the O/L & A/L Examinations
- ***A scholarship*** for 15 bright students at O/L & A/L
- ***Vocational training for the youth.*** to extend job opportunities.
- ***Competitions in sports, the arts and drama*** to promote Peace among Youth.
- ***Activities in connection with all National and cultural Festival***
- ***Training the Estate young women as Health Workers***
- ***Organizing special seminars for pregnant and young mothers.***

CONCLUSION

The Catholic Church in the Southern Province, namely the Diocese of Galle, has always taken bold initiatives to assist the needy and the poor in the past .This has been made clear over several years through very obvious with the programmes carried out by the Catholic Church through the Diocesan Centre for Social Action called Sed-Galle,with it's main centre in Galle.

Now, the Catholic Church in the Southern Province has come forward to assist the Plantations in the human development of the work force.

The time is overdue to express the legal and social reality...that the Plantation people are equal with all other citizens of Sri Lanka.

We look forward to working with all those who are concerned about the welfares of this community in order to work for a Better Life for the Plantation People and more Productive and Harmonious Estate Industry.

We sincerely thank.....

- His Lordship Most Reverend Bishop of Galle,
- Caritas Belgium - our Funding Partner
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- Executive Officers, Managers , Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and Welfare Officers of each Estate
- The District Secretaries, Divisional Secretaries, and Grama Sevakas
- The Officials of the Department of Education, Health and Police
- And all those well-wishers

For their willingness to support us in this worthy cause.

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