Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (SCOT) Project Officer's Report 2023

We are immensely grateful to our dear members, donors, advertisers and patrons for helping us to support our fellow Tamil speaking brothers and sisters in need.

Global and local economic situations combined with global geopolitics has had adverse effects on the education and employment of everyday, hardworking people in the North and East of Sri Lanka. Due to the previous implementation of projects, such as evening classes and employment support-projects, SCOT was able to mitigate the effects of those burdened by these external factors.

Despite the challenges we, and everyone around the world, faced SCOT remained true to their goals in focussing and succeeding to raise enough funds to support our ongoing mission whilst meeting emergency requirements.

This year will hold a whole host of new challenges, one that we look forward to meeting head on, where we can continue to deliver our vision of - Education, Employment and Empowerment. (3E's). It is important we harness our limited resources, have a structured approach, and focus on projects that will make a material difference to our people in order to achieve maximum efficiency.

This only speaks to the strengths of SCOT as we have once again adapted to maximise our limited resources by working in partnership with other local and overseas organisations to meet the unique demands of those in need. Only the full support and contribution from all our members and general council could have made these achievements possible. Below shows the number of families and organisation who have benefited from your invaluable support (some projects are listed below). To name a few in the recent past, SCOT has;

- Scientific medicinal plant mapping at delft- a project to undertake baseline on medicinal plants in Delft with the intention of establishing herbal garden and preventing their depletion.
- Continued with Northern Cooperative Development Bank (NCDB) supporting Pachchilaipalli Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society (MPCS) to enhance the coconut oil production.
- Working with "We Can" (Concrete block project- Mannar) charity which improves the livelihood of people through creating employment opportunities for people with disabilities, women and eligible youths. They also help families living under the poverty line and provide female-led families with financial, social and psychological support.
- SCOT continues to support three children's home in and around Batticaloa with their educational expenses.
- After School Extra classes SCOT is sole funder of extra classes for school children from year 5 year 11 in Trincomalee, Muthur and surrounding villages.

(A comprehensive list of projects funded by SCOT is in 2022/23 the Treasurer's report).

To further deliver this positive action we need you, those who are willing to share their time and skills with SCOT for our people. From generation to generation, we have followed our journey with a dream. Become a member and become part of our community, where inter-generational ideas can be supported, enabling us to collectively make the right decision for our people. Become a sponsor of our events and promote our services for our people. The more we do, the more we can change someone's life.

46 Years of Service

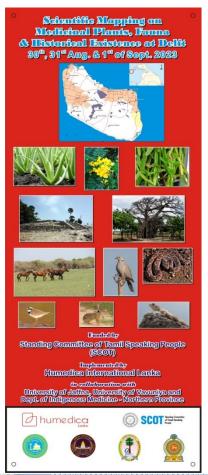


Above: Emergency dry ration supply (Trinco, Batticalo, Manar, Mullaithivu & Hill country)



Above: We Can "concrete blocks" manufacturing factory.

Below: Scientific medicinal plant mapping at delft.



Below: Award Ceremony for students Hari Illam in Batticaloa





On side: Yoga award ceremony for Vivekananda home students in Batticaloa