

Tamil Canadian Food Relief Support for Mullaitivu District

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April 18, 2020

COVID-19 Emergency Food Relief

Mullaitivu District, Sri Lanka.

Funded By: Tamil Canadians through the efforts of **Canadian Tamil Congress** and **Ms. Juanita Nathan**, Chair, York Region District School Board.

Facilitated By: North and East Economic Development (NEED) Centre

Implemented By: Olirum Valvu

Food Relief Distribution Dates: April 6 & 8, 2020

Final Report Date: April 18, 2020

Background

COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense hardship for everyone globally. People in Sri Lanka, particularly the war affected regions of the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka, faces challenges due to the continued lockdown. These regions are the highest unemployment recorded in the country for many years.

The Sri Lankan government has imposed a complete island wide lockdown to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The lock down in Sri Lanka which began on March 20th with almost continues curfew has now lasted for more than a month.

The daily wage earner families have been impacted the most without any income for several weeks now. They have been struggling for their basic food needs and some are in the brink of starvation.

North and East Economic Development (NEED) Centre

<https://www.needcentre.org/>

The NEED Centre, established in 2017, is a platform to develop local economic development initiatives between local communities of the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka, is well positioned to execute the emergency COVID-19 food relief for the most vulnerable families in the war affected Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka. It has reached out to its donors and friends inside and outside of the country for support to distribute food packages. Each package valued between LKR 1000 (US\$ 5.25) and LKR 1100 (US\$ 5.75) will consist of very basic food supplies sufficient for a family of 3 to 5 for one week. NEED Centre will implement the food relief efforts in most of the districts directly with the help of its reliable volunteers and supporters. In some other districts NEED Centre will facilitate the food relief distribution with carefully identified, reliable local district partners.

Canadian Tamil Congress

<http://www.canadiantamilcongress.ca/>

The Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC) has committed to support with emergency COVID-19 food relief for 2,500 vulnerable families in total which would equal to 250 or more families in each of the 8 districts in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka. CTC has approved NEED Centre to facilitate/implement and report on its food relief efforts in the North East Sri Lanka.

Olirum Valvu Organization

The NEED Centre has identified Olirum Valvu, a Mullaitivu district-based community organization to implement the food relief for CTC in the Mullaitivu district. The Olirum Valvu organization has mandate to work for differently-abled people and promote their livelihood and well-being.

Funding

The Canadian Tamil Congress launched its fundraising efforts among Tamil Canadian community to support the COVID-19 emergency food relief in the war affected Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka in the last week of March 2020. Ms. Juanita Nathan, Chair, York Region District School Board supported this appeal and raised the funds for Mullaitivu district food relief through her friends and supporters. The funds raised were handed to CTC and CTC transferred the funds to NEED Centre in Vavuniya, Sri Lanka. Olirum Valvu received the funds from NEED centre for its food supplies purchases for this effort and for operational expenses including distribution expenses such as fuel and transportation cost.

Mullaitivu District

The district's total population is 136,623 (Dec.2018). Tamils – 114,462 (84%)

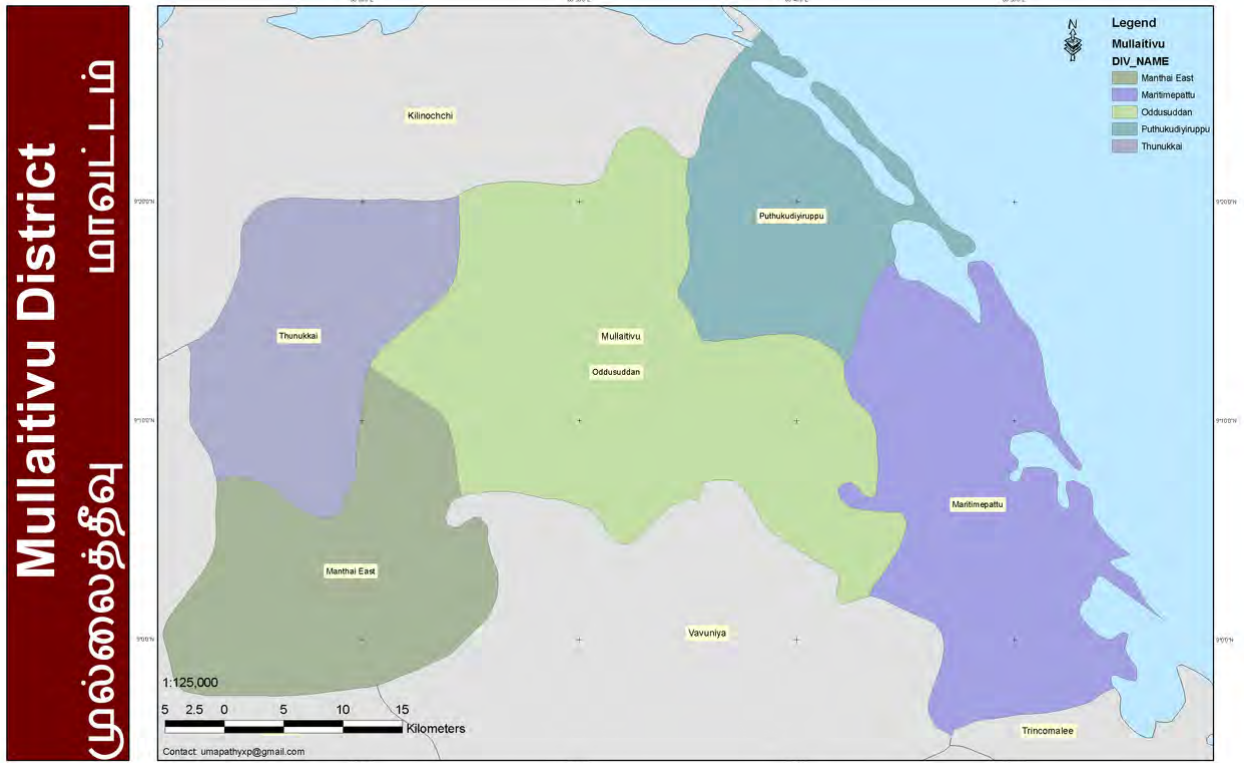
Land area is 2,516.9 Sq. Km. It has six (6) DS divisions, namely Manthai East, Maritimpeatti, Oddusuddan, Puthukudiyiruppu, Thunikkai and Welioya.

Mullaitivu district has one of the highest poverty levels in the entire island. Mullaitivu District Poverty % is 18.4% estimated at 25,139 people.

Public Assistance Monthly Allowance receivers: 10,524

Women Headed Families: 6357

Disabled people – 2751



Beneficiary Family Identification, Food Supplies and the Distribution of Food Relief in the Mullaitivu District

Beneficiary families have been carefully identified with the help of Grama Niladari, Rural Development Societies and Women Development Societies. Emphasis was made, attention was given to ensure the families selected are the most vulnerable, most in needs and not receiving any other relief.

A total of 250 families in the Mullaitivu district from all 5 Mullaitivu's DS Divisions received the food relief packages for a total value of Sri Lankan Rupees 1040 (US\$ 5.45) per package. Each food package contained the following items 7.5 kg Rice, 1 kg Sugar and 1 kg Lentils.

The Olirum Valvu volunteers implemented the packing and distribution, which was completed during the curfew times with special permission from the Police. The food package distribution for most part was done by door to door delivery and in some cases in a location very close to the beneficiary family's homes.

DS Division	Number of Beneficiaries	Date of Distribution
Maritimepattu	50	April 6, 2020
Oddusuddan	42	April 6, 2020
Puthukkudiyiruppu	38	April 6, 2020
Manthai East	44	April 8, 2020
Thunnukkai	76	April 8, 2020
Total	250	

Budget / Cost

Food Supplies and Packing Cost for 250 families - LKR 260,000 (US\$ 1,360)

Transport, Fuel and Volunteer support (Olirum Valvu) - LKR 10,000 (US\$ 53)

NEED Centre Administration Fee - LKR 15,000 (US\$ 79)

Total Cost for Mullaitivu District distribution for 250 families LKR 285,000 (US\$ 1,500)

Challenges and Recommendations

The long curfew hours presented immense challenges in purchasing the necessary food supplies and also in food packaging and distribution.

One week of the very basic food supplies is not sufficient for these struggling families. Food supplies for two weeks for these struggling families will reduce the burden on volunteers and also reduce the logistics cost and the administration costs.

The food items supplied are very basic and not sufficient; more food items need to be considered. For example, flour, soya meat, oil, salt, tea and soap bar. An increase in the budget for a food package should be considered.

Requesting continued support for COVID-19 food relief in these most vulnerable regions. Also support for post COVID-19 recovery is very critical for this war affected region.

Beneficiary Summary

Food Relief Assistance - COVID - 19 Summary

Division	GN Division	Target Groups	# of Beneficiaries	Date
Manthai East	Vadakadu	Differently abled people	6	08-Apr-20
Manthai East	Ambalpuram	Differently abled people	11	08-Apr-20
Manthai East	Vannivilankulam	Differently abled people	1	08-Apr-20
Manthai East	Selvapuram	Differently abled people	7	08-Apr-20
Manthai East	Ambalpuram	Differently abled people	5	08-Apr-20
Manthai East	Vinayagapuram	Differently abled people	4	08-Apr-20
Manthai East	Pootheruvai	Daily Labourer	10	08-Apr-20
Maritimepattu	Mulliyavalai East	Differently abled people	10	06-Apr-20
Maritimepattu	Mamoolai	Differently abled people	10	06-Apr-20
Maritimepattu	Kanukkerni	Differently abled people	5	06-Apr-20
Maritimepattu	Pootheruvai	Differently abled people	5	06-Apr-20
Maritimepattu	Thannimurippu	Daily Labourer	20	06-Apr-20
Oddusuddan	Ampagaman	Daily Labourer	6	06-Apr-20
Oddusuddan	Olumadu	Daily Labourer	11	06-Apr-20
Oddusuddan	Mankulam	Differently abled people	25	06-Apr-20
Puthukkudiyiruppu	Kompavil	Differently abled people	38	06-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Bharathinagar	Differently abled people	4	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Aninchiyankulam	Differently abled people	2	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Theramkandal	Differently abled people	1	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Oddaruththakulam	Differently abled people	1	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Iyankankulam	Differently abled people	11	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Mallavi	Differently abled people	1	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Thunnukkai	Differently abled people	3	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Theramkandal	Differently abled people	11	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Iyankulam	Differently abled people	5	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Puththuvedduvan	Differently abled people	5	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Amathipuram	Differently abled people	6	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Thunnukkai	Differently abled people	6	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Ujilankulam	Differently abled people	6	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Yogapuram West	Differently abled people	6	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Thirunagar	Differently abled people	5	08-Apr-20
Thunnukkai	Thirunagar	Daily Labourer	3	08-Apr-20
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Mullaitivu District Beneficiary Families List

Handwritten list of beneficiary families in Mullaitivu District, Sri Lanka. The text is blurry but shows a table with columns for family names and other details. A large red 'CONFIDENTIAL' stamp is overlaid on the bottom right of the page.

Continuation of the handwritten list of beneficiary families in Mullaitivu District, Sri Lanka. The text is blurry and shows a table with columns for family names and other details. A large red 'CONFIDENTIAL' stamp is overlaid on the top left of the page.

Handwritten notes on lined paper, likely a list of beneficiaries or locations. The text is in Sinhala. A large red 'CONFIDENTIAL' stamp is overlaid on the middle section.

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The image shows a handwritten list on lined paper, likely a record of individuals receiving food relief. A large, red, rectangular stamp with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" is placed diagonally across the center of the page. The list consists of 25 numbered entries, each with a name and a corresponding address or location. The text is written in Sinhala script. The entries are as follows:

No.	Name	Address/Location
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Gangai Group

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Jana Group

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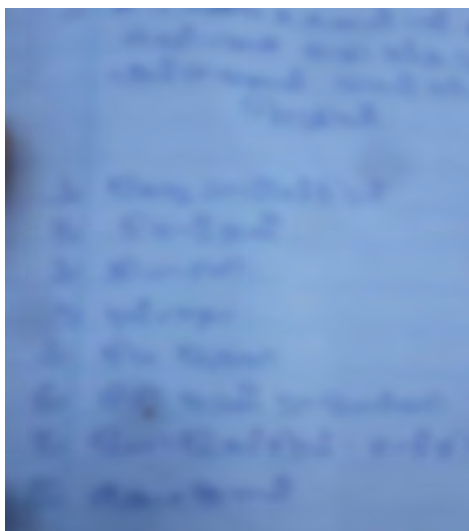
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1.	කුමාරතුංග
2.	කුමාරතුංග
3.	කුමාරතුංග
4.	කුමාරතුංග
5.	කුමාරතුංග
6.	කුමාරතුංග
7.	කුමාරතුංග
8.	කුමාරතුංග
9.	කුමාරතුංග
10.	කුමාරතුංග
11.	කුමාරතුංග
12.	කුමාරතුංග
13.	කුමාරතුංග
14.	කුමාරතුංග
15.	කුමාරතුංග



Handwritten Table 1

No	අයදුම්කරු	මුදල	මුදල
1
2
3
4
5

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Handwritten Table 2

No	අයදුම්කරු	මුදල	මුදල
1
2
3
4
5
6

Photos of food packaging, transport and distribution





Thank you letter from Olirum Valvu



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திகதி:- 12/04/2020

கனடியன் தமிழ் காங்கிரஸ்,

கனடா.

நன்றி தெரிவித்தல்


எமது அமைப்பானது மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள், பெண் தலைமைத்துவக் குடும்பங்கள், தாய் தந்தையை இழந்த பிள்ளைகளின் குடும்பங்களின் நலன் சார்ந்து பல்வேறு உதவிகளை புலம் பெயர்ந்த எங்கள் உறவுகளிடம் இருந்து பெற்று வழங்கி வருகிறோம்.

தற்போது நாட்டில் ஏற்பட்டுள்ள அசாதாரண சூழ்நிலையினால் ஊரடங்கு சட்டம் அமுலில் உள்ளதாலும் அன்றாடம் தொழிலுக்குச் செல்வோர் வீடுகளில் இருக்க வேண்டிய சூழலால் உணவுக்கு மிகவும் சிரமப்படுகின்றார்கள்.

இந் நிலையில் எமது பகுதியில் உள்ள பாதிக்கப்பட்ட மக்களின் நிலையறிந்து எமது முல்லைத்தீவு மாவட்டத்தில் அனைத்து பிரதேச செயலாளர் பிரிவுகளிலுமாக ரூபா 1000 பெறுமதியில் 250 பொதிகள் வழங்குவதற்கு உதவிய கனடிய தமிழ் காங்கிரஸ்க்கும், கனடிய மக்களுக்கும் எமது நன்றிகளைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றோம்.

நன்றி.


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- திருக்குறள் 102

A timely benefit, -though thing of little worth,
The gift itself, -in excellence transcends the earth.

- Thirukural 102

