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Greetings from the Chairman of the CSNHA.

2020 and 2021 were the time of challenge for everyone in Sri Lanka and globally.

Four decades of civil since the 1970s in Sri Lanka reached the final stage in 2009 with the high loss of humans and animals, primary livelihood for the farming communities, with deeply possessed memories.

The Co-operative Society of Netherlands for Humanitarian Activities (CSNHA) played an active part in these years with our partners from the primary cooperative societies to the Government departments, provincial and national, mainly with the regional cooperative departments, Agriculture Department, and the District Secretariats in the northern province and the eastern region to reduce the sufferings of the conflict-affected peoples and the COVID19 impacted lives in the challenging time of hardships.

In the year 2020, CSNHA extended emergency assistance for the Corona-affected communities with the support of Wilde Ganzen. Improved family feeding capacity of the identified daily paid labor group to support them and helped to take preventive measures in the Corona life. A total of €5959.00 worth of dry food was also provided to 392 daily wage earner families in the northern province. The project was funded by Tamil donors living in the Netherlands, parents of Lelystad Tamil School, Wildeganzen organization, and Amsterdam Dynamic Sports Club members.

We express our sincere thanks to the donors who extended their help. They are members of CSNHA, Wilde Ganzen, Hofsee Sticjting, Haella Stichting, Stichting Het Vincentrum, Montfortanen giftcommissis, MCM (Mundo Crastino Meliori), Vereniging H.V.O , K.O.O.K Lelystad Tamil school, GoFundMe , and Amsterdam Dynamic club.

Following the Dry food relief work to meet the food needs of the people, identifying the low-income families who have land but do not have the financial means to cultivate and provide assistance to them and engage them in cultivation. And the Implementation of the Agriculture Project: Improving the cultivating process of the identified lockdown daily paid farm labors who have lands to improve the cultivation and stay safe at home to support the prevention of corona infection. The total of this project is €23,636.00.

In 2021, Furthermore, in processing the recovery, CSNHA launched a project- Promoting smallholder farming in selected vulnerable villages in Amparai with total funding of € 26009.38. Similar to last year's agricultural scheme in Vavuniya and Kilinochchi districts, an agricultural scheme for 100 beneficiaries in 2021 has been provided in the Amparai district. About 2000 members are expected to get benefits in six years. According to this, food production has increased by 289 acres this year, unused land has been utilized, and wage earners have taken up activities on their grounds. This action allowed them to stand on their own feet. We thank Wilde Ganzen (€ 8669) and the well-wishers of the CSNHA who helped raise the total amount of € 17340.38.

Also, to induce sustainable solutions for our project, we implemented the Capacity building project to strengthen the capacity and skills of FTCCS members by providing training and benefits. Members have undergone various types of management training through this project. This allows them to manage new projects in their district.

We were swamped in the combined years of 2020 & 2021, and we will be continuing to implement the new innovative projects in reducing the hardships of the marginalized poor and the vulnerable communities with our dedicated works with your solidarity and kind support.

Thanks to all for being with us in realizing our goals.

President

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Banner of the CSNHA

About CSNHA US:

The Co-operative Society of The Netherlands for Humanitarian Activities (CSNHA) is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious and non-sectarian organisation registered as a co-operative society in the

Netherlands. The large number of civilians rendered destitute in the aftermath of the war in Sri Lanka in May, 2009 are being helped in many ways by a number of charitable organisations among the Tamils in the diaspora. Hardly any of the assistance provided is channeled through the co-operatives among them. Consequently, despite the continued assistance directly to the war victims, there was no visible change in the lives of most of the war victims. Therefore, the CSNHA was formed by the Tamil speaking persons of Sri Lankan origin in The Netherlands to co-operate with the large number of grass-root level co-operatives that existed in among the victims of the war in Sri Lanka to provide assistance to them and to spread the message among those helping them from the diaspora, the message that helping them through co-operatives as a better option to giving grants to individual victims of the war. After working for several months during 2012, informally, the Co-operative Society of Netherlands for Humanitarian Activities society was registered with the Dutch authorities on 14th December, 2012 as a co-operative society for the stated objectives functioning according to the internationally accepted co-operative principles. The CSNHA has an Executive Committee elected by the members of the Society. The term of office of this Executive Committee is two years. They could be re-elected to the Committee or replaced by other members from the general body. Only those who are Tamil speaking persons of Sri Lankan origin residing in Netherlands could be regular members of the Society. Others could be associate members with the approval of the Executive Com.

The Objectives of the Society

- 1.To develop programs for the well-being of the people of Sri Lanka and others who have been directly or indirectly affected by the adverse impacts of the post war situation in the country.
- 2.To develop and implement projects that will facilitate the improvement of the living standards of the widows, children and other people who have been affected by wars in general and the war that was concluded in May, 2009 in Sri Lanka, in particular.

On principle the CSNHA has decided to assist victims of the war only through co-operative societies in the target area in which they are members. If a war victim is not a member of any co-operative society, steps would be taken to get him enrolled to one of the nearly 1329 societies that exist in such areas. This number has been confirmed in a report in the website of the Governor of the Northern Province (vide <http://www.np.gov.lk/pdf/cooperatives.pdf>) Steps are also to be taken to re-activate defunct societies in the area. These societies are motivated to use any funds received to help their members through revolving funds and provide soft loans for identified feasible ventures

of the members. This enables the funds provided as assistance to be used over and over again to benefit several members of the society. Besides this makes the use of the funds completely transparent for the members and the donors to see how the funds are being used.

The Values and Approach of the CSNHA

The CSNHA solicits funds from donors and Funding Agencies for specific projects of the Society. The projects of the CSNHA are prepared for a target area, after a careful collection of the relevant data, an identification of the needs of the people of the area, a survey of its resources, a study of the feasibility of proposed ventures of the beneficiaries and the opportunities and challenges the target group may have to face in the implementation of the project. Once the project gets going, provision is made for training of the beneficiaries in the ventures they chose and monitor their progress systematically. Provision is also made by an evaluation of the impact of the project at the end of a project cycle by an independent evaluator to learn from any mistakes that may have been made during the implementation process.

The key activities of the year 2020, Impacting for sustainable solutions

Emergency assistance for the corona affected community project semen met Wildeganzen

Providing dry food: Improve family feeding capacity of the identified daily paid labour group to support them in the prevention of infection and spreading of Corona virus. A total

of €5959.00 worth of dry food was provided to 392 daily wage earner families in the north due to COVID 19. The project was funded by Tamil donors living in the Netherlands, parents of Lelystad Tamil School, Wildeganzen organization and members of the Amsterdam Dynamic Sports Club Financial contribution CSNHA € 938,50 , Wildeganzen € 2177.00, Lelystad Tamil school € 675,00 Go Fund Me € 1413,50 Amsterdam Dynamic club € 500.00 Total € 5959.00

Agriculture Project: Improve the cultivating process of the identified lock down daily paid farm labours who are having lands to improve the cultivation as well as stay safe at home to support the prevention of corona infection. Following the Dry food relief work, with the aim of meeting the food needs of the people, identifying the poor families who have land but do not have the financial means to cultivate and provide assistance to them and engage them in cultivation. A total of this project is €23,636.00 . In this way, 100 beneficiaries were selected in Vavuniya and Kilinochchi districts and the assistance program was given. In Kilinochchi District, 6 villages selected under Karaichi and Kandawela divisional secretary divisions and given to 60 members in the first phase. In Vavuniya District, 4 villages selected under Nedunkerny divisional secretary divisions and given to 40 members in the first phase. Since this scheme is a revolving loan scheme, 27 more beneficiaries have been given this assistance. It will be given to the members without interest on revolving basis. It is expected that around 1000 members will be benefited by this scheme in six years. According to this, food production has been increased in 127 acres this year and unused land has been utilized, and wage earners have taken up activities in their lands. This action allows them to stand on their own feet. Financial contribution details for this project are as follows: Wilde Ganzen € 11818,-, CSNHA € 7087,03, V4U €4000,-, Go Fund Me € 730.97, Total € 23636,-

Paddy Cultivation Project 2019/2020 Kilinochchi district is one of the districts that bore the brunt of the 2009 war. The Thrift and Credit Cooperative Societies that are part of this district had applied for a project proposal in 2018 in CSNHA seeking assistance for the rice paddy project. As a result, in the first phase of 2019, € 3150.00 assistance was given to 30 members for Paddy cultivation. In 2020 ,70 beneficiaries were awarded €7500.00 in the second phase of the funds collected at the 2019 Arts Festival event. The funds are being used by the beneficiaries for both long-term and short-term Agriculture related activities in a cyclical manner. For this project, 10 villages were selected under the Divisional Secretary Division of Karaichi, Kandawela and Poonakary in Kilinochchi district. Financial contribution details for this project are as follows CSNHA € 10650.00,

Women's Livelihood Project – Villadi, Poonakary, Kilinochchi In the village of Paramangarai Villadi, 18 women from war-affected female-headed households have come together as a group, engaged in their own savings activities, Members deposit money varying from Rs 25 to Rs 100 depending on their ability. They take loans from their group itself for income-generating efforts. In order to promote their efforts, the management members of CSNHA came forward and donated € 508.-.This financial assistance helps them to provide income-generating activities and take them above the poverty line.

Paddy Cultivation Project – Kanagarayankulam TCCS Vavuniya Thrift and Credit Society that provide its members with convenient and secured means of saving money and obtained credit at a reasonable rate of interest without collateral, but deduction from their income generation activities on monthly basis after harvesting. The ultimate goal is to encourage thrift among the members and to meet the credit needs of people who might otherwise CSNHA has taken steps to restructure and operate this TCCS and as a result of this effort, this TCCS has been reconstructed. 17 farmers who are members of the TCCS were given assistance scheme for paddy cultivation. The scheme was offered on the condition that the funds should be returned to CSNHA. Financial contribution details for this project are as follows CSNHA € 1200.00,

Dairy farming in Mullaitivu District with community involvement samen met Wildeganzen 2019/2020 As a continuation of this year ,CO3 grass has been planted, well construction work has been completed, barn building work has been completed, cow shed construction work has been completed and training for farmers is in progress. The farm opened on the 31st of March. Difficulties faced in carrying out this project in time are as follows: Delays and hurdles in getting license for 9 acres of land. Delays in obtaining permission to cut forest trees on land. , Heavy rain floods, Impact of wild elephants. , Legal provisions caused by covid-19, Impact of deadly disease on cows in 2020. Mullaitivu FTCCS faced financial problem. Financial contribution details for this project are as follows

Hofsee Sticjting €5.000,-, Haella Stichting € 2.500,- Stichting Het Vincentrum 2.000,- ,Montfortanen giftencommissis €2.000,-, MCM (Mundo Crastino Meliori) €1.500,-,Vereniging H.V.O €1.000,-, KOOK€3.407,-, FTCCS Mullaitivu , CSNHA and Wilde Ganzen €14.388,-, , Total € 31.795.00,

The key activities of the year 2021, Impacting for sustainable solutions

Welcome 2021 CSNHA has partnered with v4u to organize an online event called Welcome 2021 in 2020 to focus on supporting the education of low-income students living in the Northeast. The funds raised will be used for educational services for poor students. €732.25 was collected through this event. Financial contribution details for this project are as follows :Online tickets € 247.-Donation 484,50 Total € 732,25

Livelihood training programs and management Trainings under the above project budgets Provided Trainings for agriculture Activities in association with Agriculture Department, Provided Trainings for animal husbandry activities in association with Animal Husbandry Department Management training were also provided at appropriate times this year.

2000 Palm Seed Plantation Project This year, a project of planting 2000 palm seeds was carried out to strengthen the fences of the nine-acre dairy farm being carried out by us in Mullaitivu in collaboration with Kili People of London.

Monitoring of continuing the Projects: CSNHA is continuously monitoring the Paddy cultivation Project, Small income generation Project, Cattle Breeding Project, Small Grains Project, Goat Breeding Project and Fruit Tree and Coconut Seedling Project . **Monitoring and Review Activities:** This year, North Province Thrift and Credit Co-operative Society, Federation, Federation of Districts, their progress, setbacks, causes of setbacks as beneficiaries, and ways to solve these problems immediately, are holding meetings every Wednesday in collaboration with CSNHA/FTCCS through online discussions. Apart from that, regarding the problems faced in relation to the projects, the problems are solved immediately by communicating with the concerned officials over the phone. Based on past experiences, this year's plans are being adjusted and revised. In this way, it is noteworthy that the financial assistance given to agriculture this year is being given to the beneficiaries on a cyclical basis without receiving interest. Apart from that, it is significant that we provide 100% financial contribution against the savings made by them to help them to undertake business ventures in their own time. Further, the unused productive lands have been brought into use through this scheme, and activities are being carried out to improve the self-economy of the workers who depend on the wage industry and earn daily income by carrying out production efforts on their own land. **Disclosure of project activities:** This

year the CSNHA website has been completed and is being developed. Also, our activities are being carried out through Facebook. Also, our activities were telecasted through television (RTV) This year also timely Pongal greeting card was sent to the members along with our activity report. Meeting with the Netherlands Ambassador and participating in an e-meeting with the Sri Lanka Tafel to unveil our plans was considered a very special event.

Promoting of smallholder farming in selected vulnerable villages in Amparai € 26009.38.

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2. Capacity building project € 1500.00 To Strengthen the capacity and skills of FTCCS members by providing training and benefits . Members have undergone various types of management training through this project. This allows them to manage new projects in their district. Financial contribution details for this project are as follows: CSNHA € 1500.00

3. Partial repair of the houses (Revolving system) € 1100.00 Based on the needs analysis carried out in Amparai district, the houses of the less well-off families living there were not suitable for them to live in and were in a very distressing condition as they were affected by rain water. CSNHA has provided a partial fund for the partial repair of the houses of the members who are in such a bad condition. The first family who have received assistance in this way are happy to have their house repaired. Financial contribution details for this project are as follows: CSNHA € 1100.00

4. Crossvisits and sharing experience: € 600.00 Members cross-visited other TCCS's and shared experiences. Through this activity they gain more knowledge to strengthen their TCCS, they have more contacts with others and they have expanded their network.

5. Monitoring of continuing Projects:

CSNHA is continuously monitoring the Paddy cultivation Projects, Small income generation Project, Cattle Breeding Project, Small Grains Project, Goat Breeding Project and Fruit Tree and Coconut Seedling Project, Dairy farm Project and Women Livelihood project .

Measuring Impact of CSNHA's Project.

A case Study on Promoting Small Holder Farming in Selected Vulnerable Villages in Eastern Province of Sri Lanka Affected by COVID19 Outbreak Location: Ampara- Eastern Province, Sri Lanka

Project:	Promoting Small Holder Farming in Selected Vulnerable Villages in the
	Eastern Province of Sri Lanka Affected by COVID19 Outbreak
Location:	Ampara- Eastern Province, Sri Lanka
Project amount	26009.00.euro
Number of Beneficiaries:	100
Project start date:	10 th October 2021
Reporting Date:	31 st December 2021

Funding Organizations:



Four organizations collectively funded the project. Tamil Diaspora Alliance granted 10,000 euros, V4U organization added 4000 euros, and CSNHA complemented 3000 euros. In total, 17,000 euros which increased to 26000 euros as Wilde Ganzen channeled the balance (9000 euros).



The Co-operative Society of The Netherlands for Humanitarian Activities (CSNHA) is a non-profit organization formed in December 2012. It is determined to work according to the internationally accepted cooperative principles. Working with the cooperatives across North, East, and the Malayalam To support the projects and the cooperative co-creators, CSNHA HQ in the Netherlands has registered a branch, CSNHA Local Initiatives, in Sri Lanka. The newly registered body will officially function from June 2022. (<https://csnha.com/>)



Tamil Diaspora Alliance (T.D.A) believes that as long as the Tamil people persist with a fragmented view of self, limited by existing modes of operation and varying ideologies, there will not be any significant progress made for the Tamil Nation. Therefore, our aim is to put forth and apply the innovative concept of "re-creation of self", as the mode of future action. (<https://tamildiasporaalliance.org/about-us/>)

 <p>V4U is committed to the immediate relief of poverty and the implementation of sustainable development. The immediate relief of poverty and the implementation of sustainable development for people affected by the civil war in Sri Lanka. (http://www.v4uuk.org/our_aim)</p>
 <p>The Wilde Ganzen Foundation is a Dutch NGO, founded in 1957 with a mission to reduce poverty and inequality through community-led initiatives. We support community-based organisations in the Global South and their Dutch fundraising partners in joint efforts to achieve a better future because we believe that communities should have control over their own development. CSNHA is a partner of WILDE GANZEN. (https://www.wildeganzen.nl/over-ons/english)</p>

Implementing Organizations

Cooperative society of Netherlands for humanitarian activities(CSNHA) through the Thrift and Cooperative Societies Union(TCCSU) in Eastern Province, Kalmunai Ampara .

1. Project Background: Agriculture-Small holder market gardens and Impacts

All beneficiaries repaid the loan obtained for the paddy cultivation as agreed. The society is having this fund of 3,931,400 LKR in hand to revolve back to the second badge of beneficiaries. In addition, they also received savings from the beneficiaries as part of the agreement of the project. In this context they are having 560,000 LKR. This amount will increase as some of the beneficiaries are having paddy stock in hand and waiting for a better price in the market. Project beneficiaries obtained 2,752,300 LKR as their net income in hand. Even though the yield is around 50% less they are having some good profit due to the high price in the market for paddy.

Village	Recovery	Savings	Income
4 th village, Women Tccs	786,280	200,000	534,000
13 th Village Vinayagar Tccs	786,280	200,000	614,000
15 th Village Tccs	786,280	60,000	187,700
13 th Village Subramaniam Tccs	786,280	60,000	675,600
Ward No. 4 Tamil division Tccs	786,280	40,000	741,000
Total	3,931,400	560,000	2,752,300



The three decades of war that ended in 2009 had created economically and socially lacking areas especially in the Eastern province in Sri Lanka. The impact was acute in the former war zones of Kalmunai Ampara and Navithanveli where the wars was fought intensively. Poverty rates in the former conflict zones remain above the national average and over 1/3 of the population living in these regions are employed in the agriculture sector. Small holder horticulture farmers, especially engaged in fruits and vegetable production, face number of challenges that includes availability of quality seeds, access to new agriculture technologies, marketing their products, water scarcity and losses through climate adversaries. Information gap exist between smallholder farmers and the market thus constraining optimum production levels and income. Large private sector companies are held back by high initial cost of mobilizing and contracting smallholder farmers. The COVID19, 2nd round outbreak which intensified in March 2021 in Sri Lanka had particularly affected vulnerable families who earned their income as daily wage Labourer's. Restrictions on movement and prolonged curfews had affected people's mobility and income. With inter district transports limited availability of fresh vegetables and fruits also become scarce. Population in the target villages usually community to the nearest urban centers to offer their services as Labourer's, often commuting 20-30 km's in single day. Apart from food and economic insecurity there is also considerable psychological impact on households. Loss of income during prolonged period of lockdown, tend to increase the possibility of domestic violence which results in deepening family conflicts, abuse, injuries and possible loss of life.

Achievements, benefits and difficulties

1. Achievements:

All villages in the Ampara District are totally depends in the Paddy cultivation and considered as one of the areas contribute to the rice production for the Island. This project is considered to the farmers as a gift to them. Due to this project that the farmer beneficiaries of this project were able to manage the unexpected situations with ease. Failure of rain during the sowing period followed by heavy floods after sowing were the external factors that challenged them, but with available of extra fund in hand help them to overcome the adverse situation. The increase in price of the yield also helped them to manage the situation. These are the factors that helped in the repayment of the loans and savings with quite satisfactory amount in hand.

2. Benefits:

Farmers were able to start the activities in same and ideal time as they were having the resources in hand. They followed the instruction of the Agriculture Department and used the compost manure. Though the yield is low it helps to compensate the lack of chemical fertilizers. Thus, they were able to collect grains for the home need and sell some to repay the loan and savings. They are happy in acquiring the saving habits through this project. Their comment is that they benefitted with the project and ready to receive the second loan with affordable interest.

3. Difficulties:

Failure of rain in the correct period and floods after sowing. Lack of chemical fertilizers that will boost the yield. Have less capacity for storing to get a good price.

End Result:

4. Through this project the aim of good cultivation of paddy achieved. Savings habits developed and started to continue with that. All planned activities carried out due to the loan fund in hand. Learned the benefits of group activities and working together to achieve the aims/goal.







