


CSO Profiling

Name of CSO: Eastern Self Reliant Community Awakening Organisation - ESCO		Logo 	
Address: No.103/1, Hospital Road, Batticaloa		District: Batticaloa	
Geographic area covered by the CSO – (In numbers)			
District : 1	Divisional Secretariat Division: 14	Grama Niladhari Division: 127	Village: 150
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<p>Information about the organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years of work experience 22 Years • Goals : ESCO promotes psychosocial wellbeing and development for children, youth, women, persons with disabilities and vulnerable families. • Focus areas All DS divisions of Batticaloa District
<p>What are the services that are provided?</p> <p><u>Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducted safe migration related trainings to CBOs, Public, Migrant families and Vulnerable families. <p><u>Capacity Building</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducted capacity building trainings to Government staff - DOFE, GN, Samurdhi Officers, CRPO and Women Development Officers. ➤ Advocacy initiative – Only SLBFE district office is in Batticaloa. But for inquiry purposes for their complaints people have to go to SLBFE regional offices based in Colombo or in other districts. Therefore, ESCO took advocacy initiative at district level and at national level to promote SLBFE regional office in Batticaloa. <p><u>Grievance handling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducted Paralegal training program for DOFE, Mediation board members, and DOs to provide legal related support to migrant workers and their families.

- Documented migrant related cases and supported migrant workers and their families to find solutions.
- Supported to obtain death compensations and medical/insurance claims.
- Facilitation role to get human remains quickly by supporting with related documentation works.

Migration related work

1. Information – Sharing safe labor migration related information.
2. Grievance handling – Documenting and referring migration related legal cases and death cases to SLBFE and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
3. Psychosocial Support – ESCO counselors are handling the psychosocial related cases. if the case related to psychosocial medical treatment, we refer it to Mental Health units in the District.
4. Financial literacy – We also provide safe labor migration financial literacy procedures to migrant families.

Achievements in the past 2 years related to Labour migration

1. 21 Migrant societies have been established during SLMP for sustainability with an intention to support the migrant families to get them relieved from their distress during their travel on migration cycle. Also the society to raise their voices on Migrants Rights related issues for advocacy purposes and pursue with necessary related campaign.
2. 14 Migrant Information Centers have been established at Divisional Secretariat level to facilitate easy access to information and support at the local level, equipped with computers.
3. More than 20,000 migrant workers/potential migrant workers and their families have received information regarding safe migration. This include information on agencies, procedures of migration, importance of an agreement, basic wages, complaint mechanisms, state services, financial planning, navigating online information, preparation of documents and preparation of families to keep relevant documents safely.
4. Nearly 300 government officials including Development Officers for Foreign Employment have been trained in the procedures of safe labour migration.

Nearly 2000 migrant workers and their families who were facing various violations were supported to access to service through the project, good networks and systems of collaboration established with the state bodies. Out of the 785 cases reported 748 were resolved during the project period. Informed Death cases (human remains) 42 - 30 male and 12 female. Supported for death compensation 15 cases Rs. 13,952,740.34. Medical claim 10 cases Rs. 799,400.00.

5. Nearly 350 migrant workers and their families have received emotional and psychosocial support.

6. Nearly 1000 children (from both migrant and non-migrant families) have been supported to be aware of their protection needs, deal with emotionally difficult situations and also stop dropping out of schools and continue their education.
7. Nearly 300 returnee migrant workers received training on business planning, career guidance and skills development.
8. Advocacy initiative – Only SLBFE district office is in Batticaloa. But for inquiry purposes for their complaints people have to go to SLBFE head office based in Colombo. Therefore, ESCO did advocacy initiative at district level and at national level to form SLBFE regional office in Batticaloa.
9. In collaboration with Kachcheri, Batticaloa a trade fair was held and provided for unemployed youth to find suitable vocation.
10. World Migration day on 18th December are celebrating annually by the Migrant societies at their village level collaboration with DS Level. In order to create more awareness on recognize migrant workers specially women migrants.

Photos : Attached