

GAWDESY REPORT JANUARY 2012

As scheduled, Thiruvallur Mr Osborne, Pete Squire, Diana Lee and Mr Jothi Ramalingam came to Gawdesy on 16.01.2012. In view of the arrival of above members, climate change activities awareness meetings were scheduled in the project villages of Keelathirupanthuruthi and Veerasingampettai on 16.01.2012. Further Awareness camps were also scheduled in the villages of Melathirupanthuruthi which is nearer to Keelathirupanthuruthi and Sengamedu which is nearer to Veerasingampettai.

As scheduled the climate change awareness camp started in Melathirupanthuruthi on 16.01.2012 at 11a.m. Mostly Muslim people attended the camp (because they were living there abundantly). Gawdesy President welcomed the gathering. Town Panchayat resident who participated in the meeting explained the gathering the environmental pollution and how to conserve the environment by rearing trees. Thiru Jothiramalingam asked the people to explain to Mr. Osborne about their knowledge of climate change by interacting questions. The people explained that the warm of nature is on the increase and to the effect the crops are ruining, deficiency in the yields, cattle sufferings are increasing and letting to deaths even, restless if no electricity is available, rain and sun are either heavy or otherwise and for the mitigation, the rearing of trees could only be possible, as of individual measure. In fine, they were distributed saplings of various varieties.

In the same way, the meetings at Keelathirupanthuruthi at about 12.30 Noon, at Veerasingampettai at about 3p.m at Sengamedu at about 7p.m were conducted and saplings were distributed.

In all the four villages, 2000 saplings brought from Horticulture department were distributed in addition to 1000 saplings supplied by the sponsor Thiru. Sakthivel, owner of Murugan Book Centre, Thanjavur.

On 17.01.2012, Thiru Osborne with his team participated at a Gawdesy staff review meeting, interacted with the staff on climate change and generally of village people livelihood, agree to accept the expenditure on saplings and asked to send revised budget on the score.

As such the revised budget is sent herewith

SR No	Particulars	Amount
1.	Staff salary 2 field staff, One co-ordinator. 2 staff * Rs.3000*12months 1 Co-ordinator * 2000 * 12 months	96,000
2.	Survey	10,000
3.	Training a. Exposure visit with training 26 staff - 20,000 b. Local training to all staff Rs.3000 * 3 time - 9,000 c. Area awareness raising training Rs.350 * 10 meetings * 2 villages - 7,000 d. VDC Meeting Rs.250 * 3 meetings * 2 villages - 1,500	37,500
4.	Administration & Management expenses	34,000
5.	Seeds , inputs, irrigation etc.Rs.17,500 * 2 villages	35,000
6.	Sapling distribution Rs.16000 * 2 villages (extra cost)	32,000
	Total	244,500

It is requested that in the revised budget, the additional approval for the expenditure shown in Sr.no 6 may kindly be accorded and helped.

The English translated format of the Baseline survey taken at both the projected villages is sent herewith as required. The result on the Baseline survey is as follows;

	Keela Thirupanthuruthi	Veera Singampettai
1. % of families who have awareness of the climate change	53%	58%
2. %of families who have known the reasons for climate change	17%	13%
3. % of families who aware the controlling measures	18%	15%
4. % of families who have initiated action for controlling the climate change	9%	3%

Format of Climate Change Survey

SR No	Village Name	Street Name	House No	Family Head	Male	Female	Total
	Particulars			Awareness details of Climate change			
				Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
1.	Realisation of Climate change Climate changes are irregular. Warming increases. Cattle are dying. Crops ruining on heat. Crops ruining on heavy rain. Cradle Babies are not sleeping without electricity. Increase of diseases due to heavy heat. Rising of sea water level.						
2.	Realisation of reasons for climate changes Cutting of trees. Formation of Broad concrete roads. Burnings of wastes. Heavy smoking of industries and discharge of wastes. Ruin of forests. Increase of heavy carbon in globe. Heavy spread of plastics wastages.						
3.	Awareness of controlling measures for climate change Growing a tree for each house. Growing Social forests. Avoid of cutting trees. Making as social duty to grow trees. Gathering of plastic wastages separately and arranging for reuse.						
4.	Actions taken for controlling for climate change Improvement in the trees growing. Maintaining of House garden. Made Wastages as manure without burning. Prepared vermi compost. Using natural gas. Using solar energy. Saving of plastic wastages.						



Pete Squire presenting a sapling to a villager.



Diana and Pete with Gawdesy's Field Workers who have been trained in climate change issues.