



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018







# MUSLIM AID

**Muslim Aid** was established in the UK in 1985 by community leaders from 17 Islamic organizations in response to the drought in the Horn of Africa. As a leading and well established faith-based British humanitarian charity, Muslim Aid's work is governed by the teachings of Islam, such as compassion, empathy, generosity and helping others in need. This is implemented through emergency responses and eliminating poverty..

## Our Mission

Muslim Aid, endeavours to tackle poverty and its causes by developing innovative and sustainable solutions that enable individuals and their communities to live with dignity and by supporting initiatives that promote economic and social justice.

## Vision

Our vision is the alleviation of poverty, education for all, and for the provision of basic amenities for those in need; in order to create a world where charity and compassion produce justice, self-reliance and human development.

## Values

Muslim Aid's values are compassion and sensitivity to others' needs and condition; empowerment of people to realise their own potential; justice for all by considering the rights of people and treating them with dignity and respect they deserve regardless of their ethnic background; and accountability both for our own actions and those of our partners.



## MUSLIM AID SRI LANKA

**Muslim Aid Sri Lanka** has been active in Sri Lanka over the last fourteen years supporting Education, Nutrition, Shelter, Peace & Reconciliation and Income Generation projects. The Sri Lanka Field Office was set up in May 2005, in the aftermath of the tsunami, to primarily address tsunami relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation work. Keeping in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, especially **SDG 01 which is to end poverty**, Muslim Aid focuses on Economic Empowerment and Livelihood Support to increase the income of vulnerable families in the country. At the same time Muslim Aid also implements the provision of **clean Water and Sanitation (WASH) in line with SDG -06**. Muslim Aid's third thematic area of work is **Humanitarian assistance and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)** as well as immediate response and relief/recovery efforts during the event of major disasters in the country. Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Relief has been a primary thematic area of work for Muslim Aid Sri Lanka since its inception. Muslim Aid Sri Lanka throughout the years has swiftly responded to natural disasters and rehabilitation work, having been established in the country as a result of post -tsunami rehabilitation and recovery.

During the course of the organization's work on the ground, particularly in the war-affected areas, Muslim Aid has been working with youth from all ethnic communities, who were in need of a message of hope that they too have an important say in establishing reconciliation and rebuilding the country. It has always been a priority for Muslim Aid to include **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions** as crosscutting themes and has been focusing on inclusiveness of peace and co-existence in its all programme activities which is in line with the SDG -16.



# 14 YEARS OF OPERATION IN SRI LANKA

Muslim Aid Sri Lanka also integrates communities into projects that provide access to **Education and Healthcare**. These communities were also in need of psycho-social support to deal with post-war and disaster trauma, and children had to be rehabilitated to go back to school and engage in education to uplift their lives and break the cycle of poverty; which Muslim Aid actively strives to do through its **Child Support Programme**. Children who were battling extreme poverty and had become orphaned because of the war were given access to education and provided welfare and child protection.

In 2018 Muslim Aid Sri Lanka completed its **Area Development project (ADP)** - with the aim of converting Shafi Nagar - a very poor village in Trincomalee into a model village by establishing access to inclusive Eco-Friendly and Sustainable livelihood opportunities - such a Goat farming, Cattle farming; poultry farming, Handloom weaving and Agricultural farming. Moreover, in 2018 **Muslim Aid's rapid response team** swiftly acted on the ground by responding to the emergency flood situation in northern Sri Lanka - namely Kilinochi and Mullaithivu; within 48 hours .

In 2018, like all our previous years of operations, we remained committed toward the the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and all our projects were designed to keep in line with these goals.



# COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

***"It is with great pleasure that I reminisce the highlights of the work of Muslim Aid Sri Lanka in 2018."***

*"Every year comes with its challenges, however, we manage to face and overcome them to move forward with our dedicated and committed team; thereby reaching thousands of beneficiaries through our many project interventions in various parts of the country. The year 2018 was not an exception to this; with courage and committed staff in Colombo as well as in the field, we successfully implemented number of projects – Alhamdulillah.*

*In the latter part of 2018, the Northern Province of the country had to face severe Flash Floods, where MASL acted swiftly to support emergency relief activities to affected families with the support of Interfaith Leaders and Government forces on the ground.*

*2018 was also a significant year for the partnership with British Council – who have been partners since 2012. MASL partnered with the British Council for its Active Citizens (AC) programme where youth are being trained and educated to take a lead role in resolving issues in their communities and villages. Combining the AC Programme with the support of BC, MASL entered a MOU with the Vocational Training Authority Sri Lanka (VTA) where selected youths from three vocational training centers in three districts are being trained using the AC framework to form the Youth and Community Reconciliation (YCR) project.*

*We also continued our partnership with the UNHCR under our Urban Refugee Care programme where we operate a Refugee Education Centre – facilitating English language trainings, computer classes and counselling. The center is also a recreational space for PoCs – and serves as a Food Bank as well, as they are unable to afford three meals a day. Our staff operated the food bank by collecting food from hotels and banquet halls nearby. This provision of food and space has increased the number of participants to classes as well.*

*As token of appreciation for the service rendered by Government hospitals to the Refugee community, Muslim Aid, with the support of UNHCR, supported logistical arrangements for essential medical and administrative items for some hospitals in and around Colombo."*





"One of the main challenges we had to face in 2018 was to enter the new geographical area of Monaragala and Badulla districts to implement sustainable livelihood and educational programmes. It was a huge challenge for us to convince the authorities and officers to issue approvals. However, with the support of number of stakeholders we were able to explain our objectives and convinced them to be part of our programme.

Ramadan in 2018 witnessed immense success in terms of community fundraising – in fact, it was the best in the history of Muslim Aid in Sri Lanka. We were able to identify one of the very poorest villages in Trincomalee district namely Muttunagar – that needed every form of support and development. With the backing of video footage and digital marketing strategies we were able to reach large number of well-wishers and donors. We have supported the village through number of interventions like Livelihood Support, Educational Support and Water & Sanitation projects.

To ensure our programmes are under the limelight of Muslim Aid Headquarters and the donors, our Regional Coordinator from the Headquarters in UK visited us for a few weeks. During her fruitful visit she contributed to the 2019 strategic planning process to ensure country offices were fully involved.

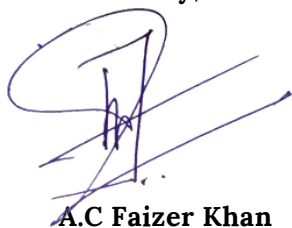
In 2018, with the implementation of the new act regulation for the Microfinance Sector in Sri Lanka, Muslim Aid took various initiatives and was on the lookout for the social investors to expand Muslim Aid's Microfinance Programme.

While we acknowledge that facts and figures are very significant to maintain transparency and accountability to report back our valuable donors – we more importantly believe in our impact and how our interventions are changing the lives of our beneficiaries. Our focus is providing lasting solutions to their problems and serving humanity as our contribution.

Alhamdulillah by facing and learning from the many challenges that have come our way, we are moving from strength to strength. I would be failing in my duty if I did not mention our donors and well-wishers who have been pillars to us in our journey. I also take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and gratitude to my whole team including SMT members, Volunteers and HQ staff and our friends and patrons".

**"The year 2018 was indeed a year of enriched learning with challenges and personal development".**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A.C Faizer Khan', with a large, stylized initial 'A' and 'F'.

**A.C Faizer Khan**



**LKR 212,449,960**  
TOTAL BUDGET FOR  
PROJECTS

**36,127**  
TOTAL NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

**OUR REACH IN 2018**



# ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



The overall objective of Muslim Aid's livelihood support programme is to strengthen the socio economic status of vulnerable families. In 2018 the programme provided goats and shed facilities to new and existing goat farmers; dairy cows and shed facilities to new and existing dairy farmers; seeds, seedlings, fencing, irrigation system facilities to establish small scale agriculture model farms.essential tools and equipment to fishermen. Moreover the programme sought out people who were self-employed

and provided the essential inputs to establish alternative livelihoods and self-employment Muslim Aid also launched handloom centers in the poor villages of Mutthu Nagar and Kappalthuraiproviding opportunities for 15 female youth in the handloom industry.At the same time required technical training, exposures and micro business development training for supported beneficiaries were provided; thereby ensuring communities had access to inclusive Eco-Friendly and Sustainable livelihood options.



## PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2018

- RESTORING HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY OF FLOOD AFFECTED WIDOWS AND SUPPORTING ORPHANS IN VULNERABLE FAMILIES
- QHARDHA HASSAN LIVELIHOOD CBF 2017
- AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – SHAFI NAGAR, MUTUR -2017
- RE-BUILDING THE SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS - 2018
- MICRO FINANCE
- URBAN DEVELOPMENT CBF PROJECT 2017/18
- BACK 2 BUSINESS - INT. PHASE 2
- DAIRY FARM MUTTHU NAGAR /KAPPAL THURAI -2018
- HANDLOOM MUTHU NAGAR/THOPPUR
- MA UK LIVELYHOOD 2018
- ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT -DIALOG
- URBAN DEV. CBF PROJECT 2018
- LIVELIHOOD - ZAKATH PROJECT 2018

**3,317**  
NO.OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED

**LKR 100,283,608**  
TOTAL BUDGET

# STORIES

**The story of Kuraiysa Umma**, a skilled and independent woman who wanted to earn her own living to look after herself and her ailing husband.



M.F.Kuraisiya is 58 years old and lives with her 82 year old husband A.R.M.Farook Babu in Mutthu Nagar. Their daughters and sons are married and Kuraisiya and her husband live separately in their residence. Kuraisiya is a skilled woman, which is how she could earn an income by cultivating vegetables by herself in her own land. Before being selected as a beneficiary of Muslim Aid, she had been fishing and rearing goats for daily wage; which has been their main source of income and was not sufficient for them to run their lives.

She does not acquire any support from any other organizations and is dependent on her children. After been selected as a Muslim Aid beneficiary, she received 11 goats including a stud which gave her a new ray of hope. She believes that this will help her be financially independent and be able to look after herself and her husband.

She stated, "Although I was interested in goat rearing, I never had enough support economically to have my own goats nor could I afford a proper shed to maintain the farm. But I am really happy that I have been supported with 11 goats together with a permanent shed. I hope I can work hard to increase the number of goats and show good results to Muslim Aid".



# HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



Muslim Aid Sri Lanka throughout the years has swiftly responded to natural disasters and rehabilitation work, having been established in the country as a result of post - tsunami rehabilitation and recovery. In 2018 Muslim Aid's rapid response team swiftly acted on the ground by responding to the emergency flood situation in northern Sri Lanka – namely Kilinochi and Mullaithivu; within 48 hours .The team along with volunteers and partner organization visited the affected regions

with hygiene packs to cover their most urgent needs. The relief items were packed and distributed within 48 hours, to almost 500 families who were taking shelter in camps. Our Humanitarian Assistance also includes assistance to Refugee and Asylum seekers in Sri Lanka, through the partnership with UNHCR. Support is provided in terms of basic needs of Housing, Education, Psychosocial counselling, Food (Dry ration), Medical treatments, non food items and Clothes.



## PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2018

- EMPOWERING THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED -2017 (CONTINUED)
- BRANDIX DISABILITY PROJECT - 2016 (CONTINUED)
- ASSISTANCE TO ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES IN SRI LANKA
- HOUSING 2017 (CONTINUED)
- EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF 2018
- CAMP MANAGEMENT 2018

**2,560**  
NO.OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED

**LKR 41,124,431**  
TOTAL BUDGET

For the past 14 years MASL has supported the development and provision of quality Education, which is a fundamental human right and essential for the exercise of all other human rights. It promotes individual freedom and empowerment and yields important development benefits. MASL has supported needy and vulnerable children in Sri Lanka who do not have proper access education, and instead had to work and help provide the essential needs

for their families as they were in extreme poverty. The children in rural areas who do attend school often drop out of school early. As such Muslim Aid under its 'EDUCATION FOR ALL' thematic programme, launched its project "Upgrading Education in the Monaragala District in Uva Province" in 2018. Under the portfolio to enhance the quality of Education in the Monaragala district,



## PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2018

- BRITISH COUNCIL ACTIVE CITIZENS PROGRAMME
- YOUTH & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE-BRITISH COUNCIL PROJECT- 2018
- MA-UK EDUCATION PROJECT 2018

**290**  
NO.OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED

**LKR 7,352,741**  
TOTAL BUDGET



# HEALTH, WATER AND SANITATION



Muslim Aid under the theme “Water for Life” and through its special 'Dig-A-Well' programme – as part of its commitment to the international decade for action, implemented WASH projects that reached out to vulnerable communities without access to water. WASH projects such as installation of tube wells & water spots were designed to help the poor to easily access safe drinking water and have enough water for their livelihood aspect. Throughout the years Muslim Aid has incorporated health related projects in their wider programmes by conducting

medical camps that provide free health checkups and provide the required assistance. The organization has also contributed towards the development and renovation of hospitals and clinics, by improving its infrastructure and providing with state-of-the-art medical and laboratory equipment. As such it is part of Muslim Aid's service to the community to provide access to quality healthcare and medical facilities. In 2017 MASL provided homeopathic treatment in the Batticaloa district as well as awareness programmes on natural care and healthy living.



## PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2018

- HEALTH AWARENESS WITH HOMEOPATHY CLINIC 2017
- WATER & SANITATION PROJECT -2017 (CONTINUED)
- WATER PROJECT THAYIF NAGAR-2018
- WATER & SANITATION PROJECT - LOCAL FUND -2018
- WATER CONNECTION - MUSLIM AID AUSTRALIA FUND 2018
- DIG-A-WELL PROJECT 2018

**880**

**NO.OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED**

**LKR 4,040,214**

**TOTAL BUDGET**

# STORIES

**The story of Sabnam**, the girl who overcame difficulties in her life, to excel in her studies and is determined to become a professional and look towards a brighter future.



Sabnam's mother passed away when she was just a one-year old infant. Ever since her mother's demise, her maternal grandmother has raised her. Presently, she resides with her maternal aunt, aunt's husband and their child along with her grandmother.

About being part of Muslim Aid's Educational Sponsorship, Sabnam says: "With Muslim Aid's support, I was able to pursue my education with dignity. With my monthly funds, I have been able to cover my personal and educational expenditures without requesting assistance from my family."

Since being sponsored Sabnam has not only gone to school regularly, but has also performed well at studies. Additionally, she has taken part in competitions and other extracurricular activities and won second prize at the district level English essay competition. Sabnam has participated in more than 20 district level and school competitions till date. Sabnam's biggest achievement however, was achieving 9 A's for the G.C.E ordinary level examinations. Her ambition is to become a doctor and serve her community.

Sabnam says "I achieved such success due to Allah's grace and the support that Muslim Aid has been providing me throughout these years. Without the encouragement and care from my Donor and the Muslim Aid Family team, I wouldn't have been able to achieve any of this"



# SEASONAL & VOLUNTEER PROJECTS



MASL has been implementing their Ramadan Programme (Feed The Fasting) annually with the support of Muslim Aid UK, and other donor agencies as well as individual donors from nationally and internationally. Through this Muslim Aid reached many needy families living in the rural most regions of the country, and provided food packages to them to observe fasting without any difficulties in the holy month of Ramadan. The programme aimed to increase food security among the most vulnerable families in Sri Lanka, keeping in line with SDG - 02 "No Hunger".

In both 2017 and 2018 together, almost 13,000 families benefited from the 'Feed The Fasting' programme. In 2018 Muslim Aid's International and Local volunteer teams implemented the 'The Boots On' project where they worked hard during the month of Ramadan raising money not just to provide food packs, but also to support livelihood projects for families in utmost need. The Boots On team also assembled, packed and hand delivered almost 600 food packs in 2018.



## PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2018

- MA-UK-BOOTS ON VOLUNTEER PROJECT 2018
- AQIQA/ QAFFARA PROJECT -2017 (CONTINUED)
- AQIQA PROJECT 2018
- MA UK FEED THE FASTING 2018
- FEED THE FASTING - LOCAL FUND 2018
- MA -UK QURBANI PROJECT 2018

**28,436**  
NO.OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED

**LKR 18,274,330**  
TOTAL BUDGET

# STORIES

**The story of Shifana** a widow, working hard to feed her family.



Shifana, aged 40, is a widow with 04 kids - three daughters and a son and is living with her aged mother in a partly completed house in Mutur, Trincomale district. Her village is marginalized in the development proces and her family does not have access to basic commodities. Shifana's lost her husband tragically in an accident 3 years ago. Soon after, while battling grief and poverty, Shifana was compelled to go the Middle East as a domestic worker.

She worked in the Middle East for some time, leaving her children with her mother. However, Shifana returned home due to homesickness. Afterwards she did not have any sustainable income. After much struggle she found work as an as agriculture labourer. Unfortunately due to the prevailing drought conditions in her area she is once more facing hardships in making money to meet her children's expenses and needs. It was then that Muslim Aid sought Shifana's family to assist with Dry Ration packs so that they would be able to fast during the month of Ramadhan without any hardship.

Shifana said, " The cost of living is unbearable and the whole family has been suffering. The dry rations provided to us was very useful to my children and mother. With the food items, I could feed allmy kids and have a proper Ramadan. I thank Muslim Aid and the Boots On Team for supporting us in this Holy month of Ramadan"



# ORPHAN CARE

Muslim Aid Sri Lanka has been implementing the Rainbow Family (RF) programme with the support from its local partner organizations to uplift and enhance the destitute and orphan children of all faiths, genders, ethnicities and abilities. The programme provides access to Education, Emotional support and mentoring, Protection & Safeguarding, access to Food & Clothing, Healthcare, Water & Sanitation. The Rainbow Family programme through 10 years of its operations in Sri Lanka has been

committed to empowering children through education to help them build a good future for themselves. The programme, together with local partner organizations who are also dedicated to child support & empowerment, and strives hard to prevent Child Marriage & Child Labour; while actively working towards the reform of Child Care systems and Deinstitutionalisation of children, enabling them to grow up with their families during their formative years



## PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2018

- RAINBOW FAMILY - SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME 2018 - UK FUND
- RAINBOW FAMILY - SPONSORSHIP 2017 (CONTINUED)
- RAINBOW FAMILY 2018 - LOCAL FUND
- MA-UK RAINBOW FAMILY CHILD GIFT PROJECT 2018

**644**  
NO.OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED

**LKR 13,840,006**  
TOTAL BUDGET

# STORIES

**The story of Amanullah**, who joined Rainbow Family in 2013 and is now one of our Almunis. He has gone on to achieve excellence in his studies and is making a bright future for himself.



Amanullah became a part of Rainbow Family in 2013. His father was long ailing with Asthma and passed away in 2010. His mother was left alone, struggling with no income or employment, to look after him and his 04 siblings.

Through the Rainbow Family sponsorship Amanullah kept going to school, as his mother was able to pay for his uniforms, books & food. He studied at BT/Eravur Alighar National School, in (Batticaloa District), in the Commerce stream. Amanullah worked hard in school and persevered to achieve his goals. He sat for the Advanced Level examinations in 2017 and received commendable results. In 2018 he was selected by the prestigious University Of Moratuwa to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Business Science.

Amanullah said, "During the past four years Muslim Aid and my Donor have been supporting me financially, sending me money every month and supporting me in many ways. This has helped me and my mother to overcome our obstacles and allowed me to continue my education. I was able to meet all my school and personal expenses with your support. At the same time, the encouragement and care I received from Muslim Aid has made me pursue my dreams and I will eternally be grateful for that."



## WORKING GLOBAL PARTNERS



**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency



# SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

## BRITISH COUNCIL AND MUSLIM AID PARTNERSHIP

### *The Active Citizens Programme - Muslim Aid's Journey 2013 - 2018*

- *International Study Visit Participants of the Active Citizens Programme visited Muslim Aid Projects in 2013*
- *Two (02) Muslim Aid Staff members participated in the IFDW (International Facilitator Development Workshop) and became trained facilitators in 2014*
- *Muslim Aid became **Active Citizens Delivery Partner** in 2015*
- *MASL delivered 2 Active Citizens programmes in Muthur, Trincomalee & Colombo in 2015 and trained 65 Active Citizens*
- *Muslim Aid trained Active Citizens Implemented 10 **Social Action Projects (SAPs)***
- *Mentored 44 Social Action Projects in 2016*
- *International Study Visit Participants of the Active Citizens Programme visited Muslim Aid Projects in 2018 - 2 Muslim Aid participants selected for the ISV in 2018*
- *100 young people trained through Active Citizens program to achieve community resilience - 2018 /19 in Anuradhapura & Batticaloa*
- *2 Muslim Aid Active Citizens were selected for the **ISV 2019 (Ukraine & Indonesia)***





The **Active Citizens programme** served as a platform for youth to understand different cultures and to build mutual understanding with people of diverse backgrounds. It was a space for their voices and ideas to be heard, especially through the exercise of creating dialogue. After following the Active Citizens training workshop, our participants set out to implement **SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS** of their own, to bring about positive change in their communities.



DELIVERING AN ACTIVE CITIZENS WORKSHOP



SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS



# SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

## BRITISH COUNCIL AND MUSLIM AID PARTNERSHIP

### Youth Community Resilience(YCR) - Active Citizens Special Project

#### BACKGROUND

Many thousands of students drop out from the formal education sector after their ordinary level and advanced level exams; struggling to reach the pass mark required to graduate. one of the positive trends Muslim Aid has observed is that most of the students who have dropped out are enrolled in informal and formal technical education.

#### THE PROJECT

The project aimed to reach a 100 young people, aged 18-29 years old, who are currently engaged in technical education, by providing social skills that are required to perform as an employee, entrepreneur and overall, as a citizen of the country. the project will reach technical education institutes such as the NAITA, VTA, technical colleges, National Youth Corps (NYC) to provide social skills to students who follow at least 6- month technical courses.

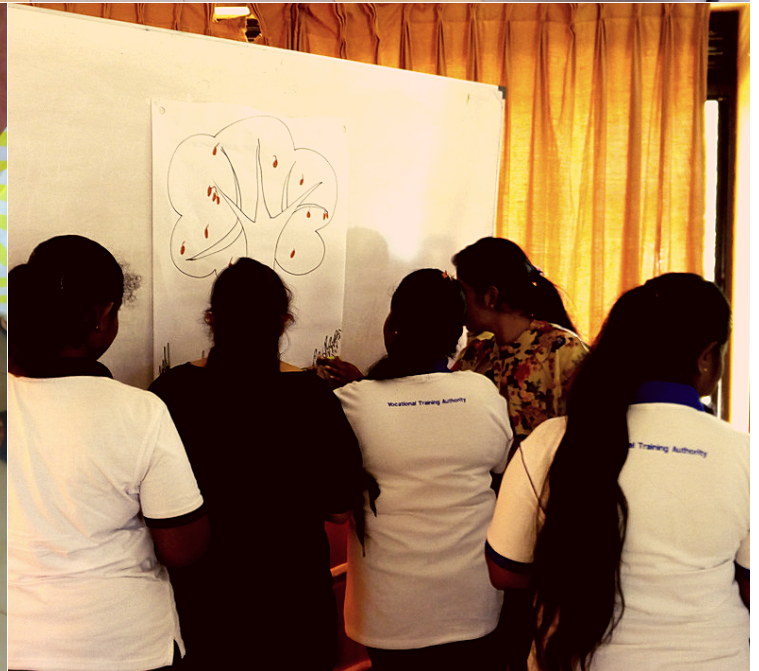
Elements of social skills development training through the Active Citizens module, covered the skills required to be a good citizen and competencies required to face challenges in their work place and/or while managing their own enterprises.





## ACHIEVEMENTS & OUTCOMES

- 100 young people trained in community mapping as per need; especially in identifying the resilience of any outbreak and possible violence or peace break among communities
- 1000 young people have an understanding of each other's social relationships with other communities, who will be engaged in peace-building activities
- 6 civil society organizations interconnected to focus on community resilience and co-existence.





# SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

## AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

*In 2018 Muslim Aid embarked on its Area Development programme for the first time. Its pilot project was the poor village of Shafi Nagar in Trincomalee which was recovering from the effects of prolonged war, a broken economy and natural disaster. The ADP programme aimed to develop Shafi Nagar into a suburb and a model village by ensuring communities have access to inclusive Eco-Friendly and Sustainable livelihood options, Education and Civic Facilities, access to Nutritional food and Health Services.*

*This will be the blueprint and framework for Muslim Aid, which wishes to develop many other rural and poor villages in the country and help them break the cycle of poverty by empowering families and providing a better of quality of life for them in the process.*





## AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

### Objective 01:

To strengthen and create sustainable income through low cost and eco-friendly livelihood practices. This was achieved through the provision and development of Goat Farms , Home based intensive Dairy Farms; Model Agriculture Farming systems, Duck & Fresh Water Fish Farms; Managing and Expansion of Bee-keeping (Harvesting honey for sale), Handloom centers to contribute to the Handloom Industry; Curd Cottage industry and Paddy cultivation.



### Objective 02:

To create avenues for children and youth to access quality education and skills training options to connect to the world. This was achieved through the provision of monthly sponsorship of orphaned and vulnerable children, nutritional breakfast for children from grades 6-9 , for one year; children of grade 9 and above received bicycles for transportation, Children of grades 6 to 8 children received extra classes for Mathematics, Science, and English and Sinhalese language subjects. Moreover , the village youth were enabled to join Skills Training courses at the VTA.





# AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## **Objective 03:**

To ensure the Village community has access to basic civic facilities - this was achieved through the construction of basic homes and other commodities and provision of clean Water & Sanitation facilities

## **Objective 04 :**

To ensure food security and nutritional food access for the village community - this was achieved by conducting awareness programmes on the nutritional food available in the village and its benefits and the provision of nutritional food packs for children below the age of five and infants (to prevent disease and malnutrition among the children).

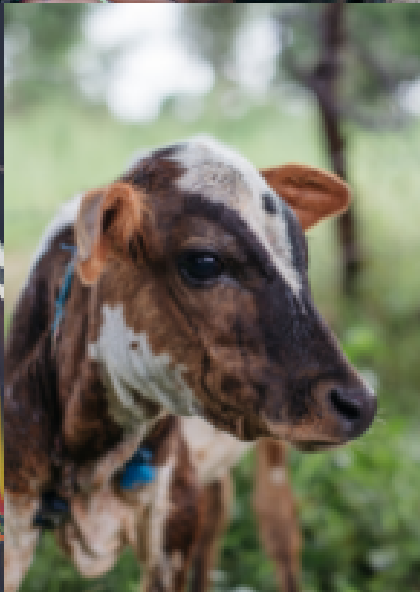


## **Objective 05 :**

To create infrastructure and access for the village community to access all eligible services and facilities - this was achieved by providing proper ferry access to and from surrounding villages and mobilizing the government irrigation department to construct head-gate irrigation systems to help farmers.







*"If there be any truer measure of a  
man than by what he does, it must  
be by what he gives."  
—Robert South*