



## Quarterly news update January – March 2025

# Newsletter

### Recovery and Humanitarian Action Management Agency (RAHAMA)

As we look ahead to the first quarter of 2025, we are happy to share the diverse work we have done to address social, humanitarian, and environmental issues. This includes women's rights, children's rights, and human trafficking. With each initiative, we continue to strengthen our contribution to Sri Lanka's development by addressing urgent challenges and supporting impactful, community-based solutions. Through creative tools like grassroots engagement, independent research, or game-based learning, we are committed to creating meaningful change. See what we are working on and the impact we are trying to make.



#### Staff capacity building on Result Framework

Two day workshop was conducted with the objective to improve the understanding of RAHAMA staff members on Result Framework of FORUT intervention. This workshop was facilitated by management team and external consultant Ms. Thamilselvi. Discussions covered five key areas: Alcohol, Drugs, and Development, Child Rights, Gender Equality and Women Rights, Livelihood and Mental Health. Participants reviewed, Result Framework indicators, 2024 progress, and planning for 2025–2028, and finalized the 2025 annual plan.

#### Visit of Former FORUT Representative to Namalgama Preschool and RAHAMA Office.



On 6th January 2024, the former Resident Representative of FORUT International, made a memorable visit to Namalgama Preschool in Vavuniya South. The visit included a delightful performance by preschool children and heartfelt experiences shared by both parents and children about the positive impact of our project interventions.



### Work shop on Child Rights and child protection

A two-day Workshop on Child Rights and Child Protection was held in February with support from Child Rights Protection Officer, National Child Protection Authority and a consultant. The Workshop aimed to develop tools and techniques for raise awareness among children, parents, educators, and CSOs. It covered child protection policies, early childhood care, positive discipline, and community engagement.

The training on concept of Child Rights was held at the RAHAMA Conference Hall, Vavuniya, to enhance Boundary Partners' understanding of child rights, legal frameworks. Twenty-five participants engaged in discussions, presentations, and drama activities on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and national child protection laws.

Child Rights Protection Officer and National Child Protection Authority officers shared their roles and challenges. The training strengthened practical knowledge and resulted in recommendations for further training, collaboration, and community awareness through our CSOs partners.

### Boundary Partners Strengthen Knowledge on Child Rights and Child Protection.



### Capacity Building Session for Resource Teams on Alcohol, Drugs, and Development

Day 1 focused on assessing Alcohol, Drugs and Development related problems, setting prevention objectives, understanding legal frameworks, and evaluating intervention effectiveness. Day 2 emphasized planning community actions, developing monitoring tools, and maintaining documentation.

The Capacity Building Session for Resource Teams on Alcohol, Drugs and Development Prevention was held on 28th-29th March 2025 to enhance the skills and knowledge of resource team members in addressing Alcohol, Drugs and Development -related issues at the community level. the session aimed to equip participants with effective strategies and tools for prevention. the workshop brought together selected resource team members for two days of intensive learning.



## Adger High School Student's exposed to village life style.

Adger High School Students Visited RAHAMA'S project locations with the objectives to experience that village life, observe the culture , and life style. They stayed with the families in our project locations and got the real experience and learning. The student's team got impressive learning and exposure to village life of a developing country.

They also visited the Oddusuddan Vocational Training center and observe, interact with the students team who are following the sewing course. The Adger High School students were excited to share their thoughts and ideas with the Vocational Training Center students.



## Progress review Workshop with Boundary Partners.

A Two days progress review workshop was conducted with the objective to review the achievement of 2024 and discuss the way forward of project intervention in 2025 and beyond. A total of 23 representatives from partner organizations attended, reaffirming their commitment to ongoing collaboration.



By end of the workshop achievement s of 2024 was presented by boundary partners representatives and challenges , learning were discussed for follow-ups and future reference.

## Consultation and Collaborative Planning for 2025.



Planning and consultation sessions were held across Divisional Secretariats to plan 2025 project interventions focused on livelihood, women's empowerment, child protection, Mental health and Alcohol and drugs Prevention. These sessions strengthened collaboration between government, CSOs, and communities.



## International Women's Day - Manthai East, Mullaitivu.

The event took place as per the planned agenda, bringing together key stakeholders, partners, and community members for an insightful and engaging program. The focus was on government collaboration, sustainable development, and the recognition of boundary partners' contributions. The event continued with a special celebration for Women's Day, which featured, Cultural performances, including traditional dance, showcasing local heritage and talent through motivational speech. Recognition though the appreciation certificates of the partnership and contributions of boundary partners in project implementation.

The exhibition was officially inaugurated, allowing attendees to explore various market stalls showcasing products and innovations from community partners. The opening remarks from CSO representative included acknowledgments of key contributors and supporters of the initiative.



As a result, they are now equipped with practical tools to design results-based projects, track progress through defined indicators, and enhance accountability and learning across programs.

A two-day Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Development Workshop was conducted for RAHAMA staff, organized by SAFE FOUNDATION at Nelly Star Hotel, Vavuniya. The objective was to build staff capacity in developing an Monitoring and Evaluation plan aligned with RAHAMA's Strategic Plan 2024-2028.



### Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Development Workshop.

Facilitated by Mr. Thangash, Consultant, the workshop focused on identifying output and outcome indicators for each strategic goal, laying the groundwork for a comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation framework. Participants gained practical tools to design results-oriented projects, enhance accountability, and promote continuous learning. As an outcome, RAHAMA staff are now better prepared and motivated to develop a detailed Monitoring and Evaluation framework RAHAMA's strategic plan.



### Building Community Awareness on Human Trafficking and Safe Migration.

RAHAMA conducted a two-day Training of Trainers on January 6-7, 2025, at Hotel NorthWay, Vavuniya, with 26 government representatives from Mullaitivu and Vavuniya. Facilitated by Mr. Eimackshan Emmanuel, Consultant. The training aimed to equip participants with the skills to educate communities on human trafficking prevention and safe migration.

Day one covered key issues and training methodologies, while day two focused on delivery skills and action planning. This initiative strengthens efforts to combat human trafficking and promotes informed, safer migration practices at the community level.



## FORUT and Hetland High School Mission team Visits to RAHAMA's Project Locations.



From 5-8 March 2025, RAHAMA hosted Ane Tosterud Holte, International Program Coordinator of FORUT, along with 17 students and teachers from Hetland High School, Norway, for a mission visit. On 6th and 7th March, the team engaged in strategic discussions, reviewed the 2024 Annual Report, 2025 RFF Plan, and financial updates, and explored RAHAMA's progress in CSO development and long-term planning. The visit included a field trip to Palali North, where the resettlement project supported by FORUT and Hetland provided 19 shelters, 19 toilets, and 5 tube wells, with tree planting symbolizing renewal. On 7th March, at the Iththavil Vocational Training Center, NVQ students shared their experiences.

The visit concluded on 8th March with International Women's Day celebrations in Manthai East, featuring speeches, cultural performances, and an exhibition highlighting women's leadership, economic participation, and gender equality efforts.



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