

Palathuduwa Preschool, Tangalle, Sri Lanka

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I. Demographic Information	
1. City & Province: Tangalle, Southern Province, Sri Lanka	
2. Organization: Real Medicine Foundation, Sri Lanka (www.realmedicinefoundation.org)	
3. Project Title: Palathuduwa Preschool Support	
4. Reporting Period: October 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014	
5. Project Location (region & city/town/village): Sri Jaya Sumanarama Vihara, Palathuduwa, Tangalle, Sri Lanka	
6. Target Population: 110 tsunami-affected, temporarily displaced, and low-income families in the rural village of Palathuduwa near Tangalle.	
II. Project Information	
7. Project Goal: To provide quality preschool education to village children, who typically have fewer resources and opportunities than children closer to the city center.	
8. Project Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with guardians and caregivers to assist in proper care of the children • Educate children in the area to ensure health awareness and proper sanitation • Provide children with nutritious meals • Educate children about their environment, integrating eco-awareness and outdoor activities into their routines • Educate children about natural disasters and environmental pollution, including skills they can use to help preserve their surroundings • Provide education about cultural and ethnic diversity in their community, including exercises aimed at increasing tolerance and understanding of differences • Give lessons to children about modern communication technologies, including the use of mobile phones • Continue basic English knowledge education in a practical setting 	
9. Summary of RMF-sponsored activities carried out during the reporting period under project objective (note any changes from original plans): Classes and activities continued as planned, providing parents and guardians with support and advice in the proper care of their young children, and providing children with a safe environment, at least one nutritious meal a day, and quality preschool education, including health awareness, eco-awareness, diversity awareness, and basic communication technologies.	
10. Results and/or accomplishments achieved during this reporting period:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children learned about and celebrated World Children’s Day • Children held a small program with former preschool students • Parents took on more responsibilities for concert preparation 	

- Children rehearsed for their concert in November
- Parents also prepared for the concert at the end of November
- Teachers led the students in a successful concert
- Children performed well in the concert

11. Impact this project has on the community (who is benefiting and how):

Palathuduwa Preschool is becoming more familiar and accepted within the community. Children, parents, and the school's staff all benefit from a wider acceptance.

12. Number served/number of direct project beneficiaries:

Students at Palathuduwa Preschool

13. Number of indirect project beneficiaries (geographic coverage):

- 15 families who live in and around the village temple
- Low-income families who earn a living as day laborers, performing tasks such as growing low country vegetables, making bricks, and working for others

14. If applicable, please list the medical services provided:

N/A

15. Please list the five most common health problems observed within your region. (For Children)

1. Respiratory Tract Infections
2. Viral Infections with Fever
3. Asthma
4. Stomach Disorders

16. Notable project challenges and obstacles:

Lack of education and knowledge among parents and older generations

17. If applicable, plans for next reporting period:

- Continue classes and activities as planned
- Welcome new students
- Prepare for National Day celebration
- Continue sports practice

18. If applicable, summary of RMF-sponsored medical supply distribution and use:

N/A

19. Success story(s) highlighting project impact:

Children's Day Celebration

On October 1st, Children's Day, our preschool children held a small program with Palathuduwa School's first-grade students. The teachers of our preschool, together with children's parents, the Palathuduwa School principal, and the first-grade teacher, organized a competition. As a result, the Children's Day celebration was a success. Both preschool children and schoolchildren sang songs, and our preschool children dressed up for the activities. Both the teachers and parents held the program to a high standard.





2014 Concert

In December, Palathuduwa Preschool students held their annual concert with their teachers. Parents also helped the success of their children's concert by decorating the preschool building and organizing refreshments for the guests and children. Our chief guest was Mrs. Minerva Weerasinghe. She arrived early, and the children welcomed her with flowers. The children performed their routines well. Mrs. Minerva brought gifts for the children, which they were happy to receive. Therese, from Palathuduwa Temple, also attended our children's concert. Before the concert began, teachers and children went to temple and invited

her.

Head Preschool Teacher Recovers

Sepalika Jayawarna, a 20-year-old widow who lives in Palathuduwa, is the head teacher at Palathuduwa Preschool. Her husband was employed by SLTB in Sri Lanka. She has one sister, four brothers, and no children of her own. Her unmarried brother lives in her house to look after her. Sepalika is an active participant in the village. She is a member of many social service associations, including the Gamidiriya Association, Agriculture Association, Buddhist Association, "Sanasa" Association, and Elders' Association.

Unfortunately, about three months ago Sepalika suffered from dengue fever. Although she doesn't have children to help her, her brother's children came and looked after her until she was well. The preschool children and another teacher went to visit Sepalika while she was sick and sang some songs for her. She was very happy with their visit. All of the participants wished her to "get well soon."

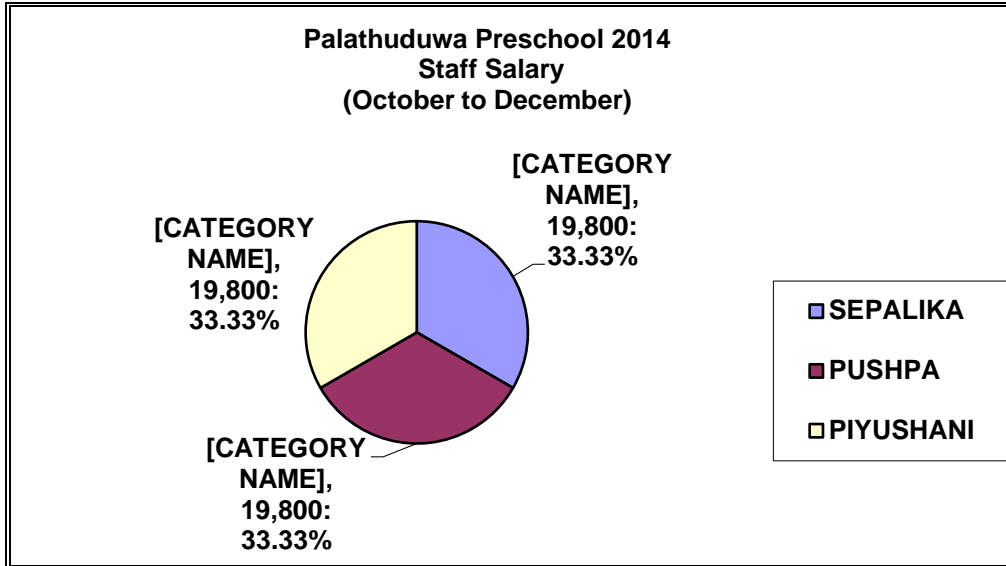
Now Sepalika has recovered, and she can be active in her associations and work again. She participates in every special occasion of the village and helps the events run smoothly. We wish her success in all of her activities.



III. Financial Information

21. Detailed summary of expenditures within each budget category as presented in your funded proposal (file attachment is fine). Please note any changes from plans.

TOTAL EXPENSES OF PALATHUDUWA PRESCHOOL FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER: LKR 237,600.00



Expense Details of 2014: January to December

SALARY	SEPALIKA	PUSHPA	PIYUSHANI	AMOUNT IN LKR
January	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
February	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
March	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
April	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
May	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
June	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
July	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
August	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
September	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
October	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
November	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
December	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	19,800.00
Total				237,600.00

