

The GFS World Project : "English for Employment Prospects" (EEP)

Project Report as of 31st January 2018

We have made steady progress with the implementation of the World Project.

Bishop of Colombo

Our biggest challenge was to meet the Bishop of Colombo and obtain a message commending the Project so that it would be readily accepted by the clergy and community of the Anglican Church. Representatives of the GFS were fortunate enough to get an appointment in the Bishop's busy schedule and visited him, sought his blessings on the project and requested a message of endorsement of the project. The message so received was incorporated into our World Project promotional brochure. (The message is attached).

Staff

Job descriptions and contract documents for the project staff were drawn up, posts advertised, applicants interviewed and suitable qualified personnel recruited to the staff of the GFS to coordinate and implement the World Project.

Course Provider

After comprehensive research and review, several English language course providers were identified and interviewed to ascertain that they met our strict selection criteria. Our search was narrowed down to one institute as they met all our requirements. A draft MOU with this institute is in the process of being finalized by our lawyer.

Promotion of the Project

Promotional material such as brochures, hand bills, posters, application forms etc were designed and printed to promote this project and identify potential beneficiaries. Promotional packs were distributed island wide to churches, deaneries, youth assemblies, Mothers Union branches, Board of Women's Work, Board of Education, Sisters of St. Margaret, theological colleges, schools etc within the Diocese of Colombo and the Diocese of Kurunegala which compose the Anglican Church of Sri Lanka. Traditional and digital communication methods were used.

We have received positive responses.

Administration and Finance

Project Planning documents and Activity Schedules for the period of the Project were prepared.

A separate bank account was opened for the World Project. The first payment of Rs.284,652.02 (Aust \$ 2,504.70) was received.

A separate accounting system was introduced for the Project. Project vouchers, receipts etc were designed and printed.

A petty cash box for project funds and a filing cabinet for Project documents were purchased.

Advisory Committee

An advisory Committee was set up.

Additional promotion at grassroots level

Visiting churches, conducting special programmes in churches for girls such as good grooming, table etiquette and careers, inviting clergy and girls of several parishes for GFS events, strengthening and building ties with ladies of parishes by attending and speaking at All-Island Mothers' Union event and inviting them to GFS functions etc.

Pilot Project

The Pilot Project will begin upon completion of the preliminary work.