



# status report month of September

## Preventive Education and Training Unit

The National Dangerous Drugs Control Board (NDDCB) is the pioneer and the statutorily responsible state body for drug abuse management in Sri Lanka. It coordinates prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, enforcement, education a, research and other activities aimed at reducing harm from dangerous drugs and its eventual eradication. Preventive Education and Training Unit In compliance with the national policy, the preventive education and training unit of the NDDCB is conducting drug prevention programs for school children, youth, employers of work places and the public.

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## Drug Education and Awareness Programs in Schools

Preventive Education and Training Unit have been successful in providing effective drug education programs that assists students to acquire knowledge, growth their attitudes, and skills to avoid every type of drug abuse. The range of activities has been developed to address numerous problems regarding drug abuse with students by the Unit. Those activities are balance, accurate, easy to understand and mostly evidence based.

Professional competencies are core of a good trainer or facilitator. Every facilitator of the Unite has an obligation to articulate to conduct an effective education program to the community. The resent program evaluation reports have been indicated that how education program effective to the garget community. These resent results reveals that past years education programs on students; both qualitatively and quantitatively have passed by the unit on all dimensions in this year.

This time, Preventive Education and Training Unit opens its doors for every student in the country to get exploit by the education and awareness programs.

New Education project on O/L and A/L Students:

The project is new PET project introduced by the Chairperson of NDDCB which aims to improve students' knowledge of the personal and interpersonal skills, the acquisition of specific skills and strategies, and the provision of knowledge relevant to decisions being made about drug abuse.



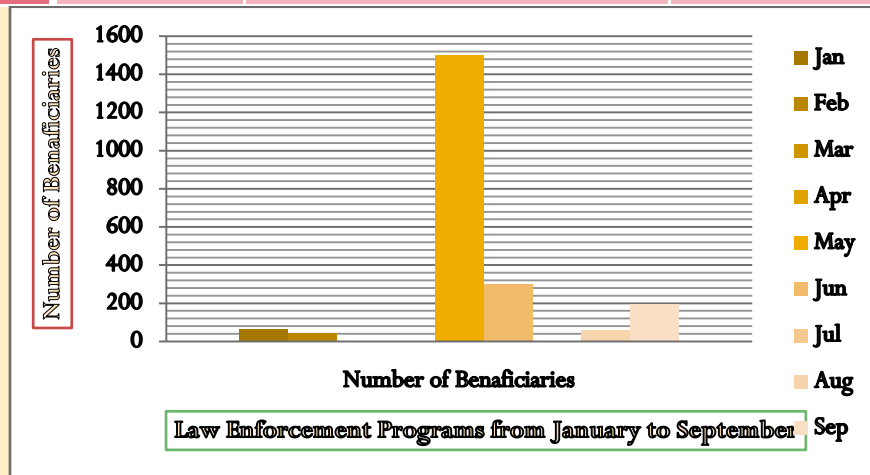
Date	Name of the School	Number of Participants	
		Students	Parents or Teachers
02.09.2013	Gothatuwa Maha Viduhala	40	12
04.09.2013	Veluwana Maha Viduhala	50	20
05.09.2013	Nalanda Boys' collage-Minuwangoda	12	23
10.09.2013	Athurugiriya Navodya School-Athurugriya	110	24
10.09.2013	Rahula Girals Collage-Malabe	100	12
12.09.2013	Marapola Maha Viduhala-Munuwangoda	50	60
16.09.2013	Gurukula Maha Vidyalaya-Kelaniya	90	25
18.09.2013	Dharmaloka Viduhala-Kelaniya-Waragoda	150	25
23.09.2013	Seewali Viduhala-Boralla	80	10
25.09.2013	Gamini ViduhalaVelampitiya	40	25
26.09.2013	Vidyaprawardhana Maha Vidyalaya-Welampitiya	90	25
26.09.2013	Al hidhaya maha Vidyalaya-Maradana	160	120
23.09.2013	Yasodaradevi Girls Collage-Gampaha	500	08
10.09.2013	Hewavitharana Vidyalaya-Rajagiriya	40	00
13.09.2013	Hindu collage -Moragasmulla	100	00

## Low Enforcement Programs

Low enforcement against drug abuse and illicit trafficking comes under the control of the Ministry of defense and Urban Development of Sri Lanka, which administrates the Sri Lanka Police, Three Armed Forces and several drug related Law enforcing agencies such as Sri Lanka Customs, Police Narcotic Bureau, Costal Guard Department, and National Dangerous Dugs Control Board.

National Dangerous Drugs Control Board are responsible for enforcing the law in the policy implementing agencies and institutions via supply sufficient knowledge, training, standardized and professionalized the workforces by organize and conducting education and awareness programs. In this means, there were two workshops for Navy officers organized and conducted by the PET Unit in the Corresponding Period.

No	Date	Program title	Number of Beneficiaries
01	02/03.09.2013	Two day workshop for Navy Drivers	30
02	05.09.2013	Rakna Lanka Security Firm – Receptionists	60
03	17/18.09.2013	Navy Officers-Two day workshop	28
04	30.09.2013	Rakna Lanka security Service –Dompe	80
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## Dhamma Schools Programs

The Dhamma Schools Students and Teachers Training Program for Drug Addiction and Refusal Skills which was the most importance project related to Dhamma Schools in Sri Lanka will function with the full cooperation and guidance of the Preventive Education and Training Unit of NDDCB of Sri Lanka. These Programs, which has to be established with the assistance of provincial and community level Dhamma Schools, needs very little physical resources such as small lecture hall and little surrounds as well as few equipments.

At present most Dhamma School Students and teachers comprise persons who are free on Sunday mornings. However, the knowledge of the drug abuse and other maladaptive behaviours of most such persons is a questionable.

Date	Name of the School	Number of Participants	
		Students	Parents or Teachers
08.09.2013	Sri Sambodi Viharaya-Angoda	90	52
15.09.2013	Sri Suhassanaramaya-Kumbaloluwa-Weyangoda	200	125
22.09.2013	Sri Pnanavimala dhahampasala-Kotapola	80	12
Total		370	189

### Worker place Drug Prevention Activity

No one questions the severity of the drug problem and its devastating impact on youth. Academic results suffer and, even worse, drugs undermine health and destroy young lives.

The best solution is to reach young people with effective, fact-based drug education—before they start experimenting with drugs.

The Alcohol and Drug Awareness programs work to increase awareness and understanding in the general community about these issues. The approach of the Alcohol and Drug Awareness programs centers on the belief that each individual is a person of worth and dignity and is capable of change. Preventive and Education Training Unit is fully aware on above issues and organize and implement various type of education, awareness and training program for targeting vast diversified community groups. In this month, there were programs conducted by the Unit. The details are given below as:

Date	Program Title	Work Place or Institute	Venue	number of Beneficiaries
05.09.2013	Education Program For Social security Officers	Social Security Board- Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Finance	72
05.09.2013	Graduate Training Program	DS Office	Minuwangoda	50
03.09.2013	BOI Program	Dilma Tea Company	Orugodawatta	53
26.09.2013	Graduate Training	DS Office	Gampaha	70

## Exhibition and Larger Group Awareness;

A Larger Group Exhibition or Awareness Campaign is a personal development programs in which dozens to hundreds of people are given intense instructions aimed at helping participants' begin in to discover what is happening them from achieving their full potential and living more satisfied lives. PET, Larger exhibition and Awareness Campaigns have been developed for community, schools, youth groups, where the focus is on improving drug refusal skills, coping ability, interpretation of miss conception of drugs, strategies of tobacco and drugs companies, media involvement of drug promotion, harmful consequences of drug use and subsequences results.

PET always stresses that how people are becoming drug dependents and how they are keeping balance of their life without drugs.

Last month, we delivered several larger group awareness programs for targeting achieve above issues in few places. The details of the programs are given as below you can find.

- It is the commemoration of Anagarika Dharmapala on 17<sup>th</sup> September every year. Anagarika Dharmapala was the pioneer leader to strive the Sinhala nation and Buddhist freedom under the colonial period and was concerned as a Nobel character of Sri Lankan independent movement. The stature and the Dharmapala roundabout at Rajagiriya were given NDDCB supervision and maintain by the request of PET Unit in 2012. The commemoration in this year celebrated with PET grants and support on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Three were **300 student** of Hewavitharana School at Rajagiriya were educated by the Unit about Drugs and harmful effects.
- It was larger community campaign at Siyane Play Ground at Weyangoda on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013. There were **5000 individuals** including students, teachers, parents, and general public participated to the larger education and awareness campaign organized by the Minuwangoda Police. PET acted as key resource provider.
- A parallel program with Universal Children Day was conducted by the Panchayudha Foundation for protecting children's rights at Kollonawa on 28<sup>th</sup> September. To organize and plan the program, PTE gave their assistance and support various ways and participated to the program with actively by advising, conducting on the day activities. Ms. Leish De Silve Chandrasena the Chair Person of NDDCB also involved to the inauguration and addressed the public.





## Leaflet Design and Published

Greek Philosophers used to gather their students under the olive trees, since the time of Alexandria to the National library, libraries have been places where knowledge was kept and absorbed. At that time teachers were being concerned the root of knowledge and knows how to transmit it to his students.

Today, education materials and leaflets supporting to education is another new type of knowledge sharing in the education process. The purpose of the developing education materials and leaflets of PET to promote the users with support for the development of higher quality hypertext materials as well as use of such materials in the educational process.

The month of September, the PET unit designed and printed more than 50 000 new leaflets for distribute through outreach officers and education officers in island-wide for targeting multiple communities such as students, law enforcement officers, parents and teachers etc.

- New leaflet designed and printed for international schools students and teachers 25 000 numbers
- Dhamma schools leaflet reprinted and distributed- 10 000 copies
- New leaflet addressing for children on children's day issues, designed and distributed -10 000 copies
- "Nidhahasa" freedom leaflet reprinted and distributed -10 000 copies

## University Programs:

The Unit was invited several Universities for introducing and expanding drugs prevention and education programs in their universities and some programs have been established in few university in Perrier. In this month, Ruhunu University was given the benefit of their students for two curricula followers i.e. Carrier Guidance Concealing and Psychological counseling. There were 60 students participated the two training workshops on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Dr. Tthenabadu, head Department of the Social Sciences organized the program. Further training will be organized regarding the necessity of the subject.

## Gallery:

Social Security Authority Preventive Program



Ranaviru Appeals Program and Rakna Lanka Program, Al Hidaya





Community and Schools Programs

## Community Programs

Special thanks For Collaboration programs conducted with PET Unit

- Chairperson
- Out Reach Unit
- National Lab
- Research Division
- Computer and IT Unit

### The Community: For your Reminiscence

It is a very important question that what is a community and why should educators be concerned with it? We explore the development of theory around community, and the significance of boundaries, social networks and social norms – and why attention to social capital and communion may be important.

Since the late nineteenth century, ‘the use of the term community has remained to some extent associated with the hope and the wish of reviving once more the closer, warmer, more harmonious type of bonds between people vaguely attributed to past ages’ (Elias 1974, quoted by Hoggett 1997: 5). Before 1910 there was little social science literature concerning ‘community’ and it was really only in 1915 that the first clear sociological definition emerged. This was coined by C. J. Galpin in relation to delineating rural communities in terms of the trade and service areas surrounding a central village (Harper and Dunham 1959: 19). A number of competing definitions of community quickly followed. Some focused on community as a geographical area; some on a group of people living in a particular place; and others which looked to community as an area of common life.

Quoted by: infed encyclopedia

No	Program Title	Venue	Number of Beneficiaries
01	Prevention Committee Members	MC-Kotte	20
02	Policy Making Program conducted by Ministry of Education	Healthy Lanka	15
03	Dharmapala Festival	Hewavitharana collage-Rajagiriya	300
04	Peace Community Program	Rathmalana	150
05	Bus conductor Program	WP Transport Authority Malabe	38
06	Police Station	Minuwangoda	18
07	Sri sudharshanaramaya	Minuwangoda	Police Officers:60 Community :30