

Brief Report on the Flood Relief Donation by Olcott Alumni UAE at Mokava Maha Vidyalaya, Baduraliya, Mathugama.

Following the severe floods in May 2017, Olcott Alumni UAE collectively decided to help people in need within the affected areas. The members of Eight Olcott schools managed to contribute a sum of AED 24,660 to spend in three stages to support the flood victims;

Ananda College	AED 2,650.00
Dharmaraja College	AED 1,900.00
Dharmapala College	AED 1,000.00
Dharmashoka College	AED 1,300.00
Maliyadeva College	AED 2,500.00
Mahinda College	AED 1,500.00
Nalanda College	AED 12,710.00
Rahula College	<u>AED 1,100.00</u>
Total collection	<u>AED 24,660.00</u>

Nalanda College managed to contribute the height and it is more than 50% of the total amount.

Current Progress of Flood Reliefs:

- Initially, basic needs such as food and water worth AED 4,500 were distributed amongst flood victims. Dilan De Silva, an old Dharmashokian, who served as an HNB UAE representative and is currently working in Galle, Sri Lanka was directly involved in purchasing and distribution of the following items for displaced people;

600kg rice,	300kg dhal,
312 numbers of canned fish,	240 pacs. of Cream Cracker biscuit,
300 pieces Toilet soap,	280 packets of instant noodles,
60 pieces Wax candles,	50 boxes of matches
100 numbers of 5 Ltr. Bottled water	

These items were distributed amongst displaced people at Molkava in Mathugama and Thawalam area in the Galle district within three days upon the flood. Pictures of food and water distribution in the affected areas;





Our sincere thanks to Dilan who volunteered and led the donation task immediately after the disaster.

- Following the above donation, Olcott Alumni UAE decided to support a flood affected school. A few proposals were collected and reviewed. Finally, Molkava Maha Vidyalaya at Baduraliya (Mathugama), which was severely affected by the flood, was selected. It was found that the school needed urgent support to reestablish totally damaged musical instruments and lack of necessary furniture for the facility. The school authority provided details of the damaged instruments of their eastern music band and details of damaged furniture that needed to be replaced. Accordingly, the following list of items were purchased and delivered to the school.

List of Furniture & Equipment Donated to Molkava School

Sr.	Item Description	Quantity (nos.)	Rate - Rs.	Amount
1	Filing racks (DAMRO)	3	13,975	41,925
2	Steel cupboards (DAMRO)	5	22,175	110,875
3	Executive tables (DAMRO)	1	29,375	29,375
4	Visitors seats (DAMRO)	3	9,375	28,125
5	Laptops - HP	1	73,990	73,990
6	Geta bera (Geta drums)	3	7,000	21,000
7	Low country drum	1	7,500	7,500
8	Thammattam (drums)	3	5,500	16,500
9	Dawla Drums	3	5,500	16,500
10	Hand-Raban	10	675	6,750
11	Violins	2	8,500	17,000
12	Conga drum	1	2,000	2,000
13	Western Flute	1	18,500	18,500
	Total Price (AED 8,488.00)			348,000

Current and former presidents of the Olcott Alumni in the UAE; including an old Anandian working in the UAE visited the Molkava school on the 27th of August and handed over the donation. Nalanda College representative's sister Jeewa Samanmalee and his brother volunteered to attend for this occasion. The school principal had also organized a small function for this occasion.

Olcott Alumni UAE expects to extend further support to develop Molcava Maha Vidyalaya allowing better facility for the children and teachers of the school. Support for gradual development of the school is expected to be given on year on year by identifying most essential requirements.

Pictures of Olcott Alumni handing over furniture and music instruments to the Molkava school



Even school was closed for summer holidays, however, the school principal had organized a simple handing over ceremony with the participation of teachers, students and parents.

Big thanks to Nalanda representative Dilip's sister Jeewa Samanmalee, who gave her fullest supported to select a school that needed urgent support. She identified totally destroyed music instruments of Molkava Maha Vidyalay and coordinated with the school authority for us to reestablish the music facility.

Financial Status of the Donated Reliefs.

Total Contribution from eight schools		AED 24,660
Initial Amount spent for donate Basic needs -	AED 4,500	
Amount of furniture & Music instrument donated	<u>AED 8,488</u>	
Total amount already spent		<u>AED 12,988</u>

Balance to be used for further assistance to the school development **AED 11,672**

During the visit to the school, Olcott members further searched around the school to find other areas that we could improve for the convenience of students to have a better environment for their studies. Accordingly, the following areas observed need to be repaired or developed;

1. Sanitary facilities. Currently two toilets available for 400 children and teachers and can build one or two more toilets
2. Renovate the damaged floor of the School main hall
3. Erect a structure (concrete or metal) to mount the overhead water tank.
4. Construct a half open permanent reading area for the children

Stage 3 Future Projects:

The school principal has provided a fee breakdown for item 4 above (Reading area) and the estimated cost is Rs. 206,000/- (AED 5,025/-). We are currently in communication with the principal to find a way to build the reading area for the school in a better manner than that of the current proposal. Further details/options are under study and will be implemented shortly.