

## Road Safety Awareness Program

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Venue: Kn/ Sellaiyathevu GTMS

People of North and East are severely battered by the war and most of them already malnourished. And there were not aware about the road rules because of limited access on the A9 Road. Now just after the opened the A9 road, the usages of vehicles and the peoples from Kilinochchi are used to travel all over the country, and the police department express the statement says that every day the accident increases and averagely one person dies per day. So it is important that the people should know about the road traffic rules. Specially, school children should aware the road traffic rules, moreover there are unidentified owners' animals on the road. It also leads to the traffic and accident.

Road safety awareness program was conducted by Sri Lanka Red Cross Kilinochchi branch to the school children at Kn/ Sellaiyathevu GTMS on 01<sup>st</sup> of August 2013 with the collaboration of non-formal educational unit and Selva learners. Around 50 primary school students were participated in this programme. End of the programme students were given a small written assessment. The prize was given to top ten students.

Road accidents are caused when individuals neglect or refuse to follow road signs and regulation. One of the major causes is over speeding which accounts for one of the many causes of road accidents daily. This happen when drivers deliberately drive above the regulated speed limits either to show off, meet deadlines or just for fun they thus put their life and the lives of many other road users at risk. By exceeding the regulated speed limit, one is risking an accident.

The school road safety education program is based on the road safe series, which provides young people with appropriate road safety skills and practices at all levels of their schooling. Children need assistance to keep safe on or near the road. At ages 5-7 they do not have the maturity or experience to judge such things as the speed at which a car is travelling.





As they begin school, there will be more occasions when they are on the road, whether as pedestrians, or passengers in cars, school buses or public transport. Stepping out aims to build children's skills to help them keep themselves safe. Police recommend, however, that children aged 5-6 do not cross the road on their own and where possible walk to school with someone older.

So, giving awareness related on road safety to the school children gives chance to polish their knowledge and they get benefits up to certain level.

The program coordinated and reported by Ms Mathivathana Sakthivel – Divisional Coordinator, Mr Sahathevan Vimalrajh – Disaster Management Coordinator, SLRCS, Kilinochchi Branch.

Giving brief introduction about the purpose of this awareness program





Group of students who participated in the awareness program





## Chairman giving prize to student



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