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Three months have passed since the catastrophic Tsunami swept over Sri Lanka, demolishing everything in its path. The devastation it left behind is overwhelming. With aid pouring in to Sri Lanka from all over the world, we are, most definitely picking up the pieces and learning to walk again.

# REPORT ON TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS

1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2005

## CHILDREN

### SCHOOL PACKS

A special relief effort was formulated to enable children affected by the Tsunami, to go back to school.

Through this programme, over 18,000 children living in Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Jaffna, Mullativu, Moratuwa, Matara, Galle and Hambantota were gifted School Packs.

The YTD figure of distributed school packs is 16,535.

A school pack consists of exercise books, pens, pencils instrument box etc.

### CHANGE MAKERS

Discussions are already underway to start Children's Clubs called *Change Makers* island wide.

The objective behind *Change Makers* will be to provide a safe environment for children to play, to learn, to exchange ideas etc.

*Change Makers* will also give its members, the opportunity to organise, plan, and carry out actions to meet the needs of children affected by the Tsunami, so that children will not only be the recipients of welfare, but would also learn to initiate their own welfare.

### NUMBER OF SCHOOL PACKS GIVEN

LOCATION	PERIOD UNDER REVIEW	YTD
COLOMBO	605	1616
BATTICALOA	930	4980
GALLE	1920	2612
MATARA	500	810
TRINCOMALEE	5515	6517
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9470</b>	<b>16535</b>



Children in Batticaloa with their new school packs

## THE OBJECTIVE OF ESTABLISHING CHILDREN'S CLUBS:

- ☞ To embrace the children who have been made destitute.
- ☞ To create a place where children could express their feelings.
- ☞ To have a place where children could bring out their inbred talent, which has been stifled due to the catastrophe.
- ☞ To have a place to teach them, how to determine their rights as children and to prevent them from being vulnerable to those who might want to exploit their unfortunate situation.
- ☞ To develop and mould the children's attitude, knowledge and behaviour.
- ☞ To make children realise that they are important to the community and that they are capable of bringing change in to their lives, and to develop their self-confidence and independence.
- ☞ To reduce caste, race, religious discrimination.
- ☞ To enhance their general knowledge.
- ☞ Teach them to develop skills, which would help them in the future.

### RECREATIONAL PACKS

Recreational pack distribution is due to start in mid-April. These needs have risen since the tsunami swept away these items from schools. The pack would include sport equipment such as:

2 footballs, 1 volleyball  
1 net ball, 2 softball cricket bats  
1 wicket set, 6 tennis balls  
1 carom board, 1 checkers board

The Change Maker's club will be initiated in the affected areas where ADT has built temporary shelters. Recreational Packs will be distributed in areas where there is a commitment to begin a children's club.

### GIVING HOPE TO THOSE WITHOUT HOPE

In the aim of encouraging and uplifting the pastors and their families affected by the tsunami, a prayer meeting was held at the Dutch Reform Church - Galle. One hundred and twenty people participated at this prayer meeting held on the 3rd of March 2005.

### TSUNAMI FOSTER PARENTS SCHEME

Children affected by the Tsunami, are being adopted under a 'Tsunami Foster Parents Scheme' carried out by the NCEASL which commenced in the South on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2005. Under this programme, children who are orphaned or are left with one parent will receive a monthly allowance of US \$20 for their education. The children will continue to live with their relatives or widowed parents and receive sponsorship until they complete their school education. Up to date, 7 children have been identified for sponsorship in Galle and Weligama.

## LIVELIHOOD

### BOAT PROJECT

A livelihood project commenced on 14 February 2005, to assist fisher-folk affected by the Tsunami. This was following discussions between representatives from the NCEASL, Officials of the Fisheries Department in Jaffna and 14 other Divisional Heads.

250 Clinker Type boats (17' 6" ) are now being constructed in the North-East. In Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Amparai. 60 women were identified by the NCEASL and are being trained in boat making. They will be given a certificate at the conclusion of the project. In addition to receiving small allowances they will also be provided with their meals, and accommodation until they are able to get back on their feet.

Representatives from the Alliance met with the representatives of the Department of Fisheries - Jaffna and 14 other divisional heads to discuss the needs of fish vendors, such as bicycles and boxes to carry

their catch for the day and the needs of the fishermen were also discussed such as the type of nets they required as well the type of engines.

### TRAINING IN BLOCK MAKING

Presently, under the guidance of the Alliance, 30 affected civilians are being assisted in livelihood projects and are being trained in skills such as making cement blocks used in the building of houses.



They are given lodging, food and a small salary to sustain them, until their lives regain some form of normalcy.

**MICRO FINANCING**

Micro financing programmes are introduced to those citizens who have lost their regular livelihood to the tsunami. ADT will assist identify those in need and assist them in areas such as carpentry, masonry, cement block making, and assisting fish vendors monetarily to purchase bicycles and micro financing programmes have already begun in individual family units in Jaffna, Trincomalee, Mullativu and Batticaloa.



Water purification plants being loaded into lorry



An installed water purification plant

**WATER PURIFICATION**

The Alliance

Development Trust (ADT) has installed two Water Purification Systems in Amparai and Kallar. The plant in Kallar provided clean water to the area hospital with a purifying unit capacity of 1,000 litres daily. 20 other locations that require water purification systems have been identified. The plants are fully operational at present and provide upto 100,000 litres of water per day.

Over 750 wells have been desalinated in the

Trincomalee District. The NCEASL is also in the process of conducting a drilling process to purify water for human consumption in this district.

Water Purification Systems are costly and we hope to provide affected families with small-scale systems under the 'Medrix System'. The cost of one of these units is US \$ 45.

**TEMPORARY SHELTER**

During the period under review, 549 shelters were constructed. The places and figures are as follows:

- JAFFNA/MULLAITIVU - 65
- BATTICALOA - 184
- AMBALANGODA - 15
- GALLE - 135
- MATARA - 49
- MORATUWA - 50
- AKURALA - 1
- WELIGAMA - 50

The YTD figure of temporary shelters constructed is 1,466



Temporary shelters at Batticaloa



Inside a temporary shelter



Temporary shelter at Jaffna with the NCEASL team from Jaffna

<b>PERMANENT SHELTER</b>	<b>MEDICINE</b>	<b>RE-ENTRY PACKS</b>
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ADT has envisaged to build 250 permanent houses in Batticaloa in the areas called Periya Kallar and Kodai Kallar.

A container load of medicine had also been sent to Jaffna, Trincomalee and Kallar's rural hospitals.

2,323 Re-entry Packs were distributed during the reporting period. In places such as Colombo, Mullaitivu, Ampara, Batticaloa, and Jaffna. The YTD figure is 19,723.