

Achievements 2005-2009

Humanitarian Aid

In the two weeks following the tsunami we provided essential aid to over 8,500 people living in temporary camps. We also coordinated the evacuation of foreign nationals from the Southern Province

Housing

New homes – 198 renovating and rebuilding –147
Financial assistance to rebuild - 40
Including 2 villages 3 hamlets and repairs in 1 village
Provided homes for over 2,000 people
New toilets - 202

Infrastructure

Village infrastructure – laid 1.5 k of road, 3 k drains and culverts, 40 retaining walls,
Water and electricity to 104 houses,

Boats

Built:
Trawlers – 21
Large Orus – 20
Small Orus - 156
19' Day Boats - 30
Repaired - 87 boats

Boat yards

Built 3 fully equipped including 1 trawler yard.

Engines and Nets

Replaced over 120 outboard engines and 7 Trawler inboards engines
Replaced 192 fishing nets of various sizes

Hospitals

Provided all Psychotropic medicines to the Weligama Hospital for 18 months
Installed a psycho social clinic in Weligama Hospital with 4 staff for 8 months
Provided medical equipment for Mirissa day clinic
Provided transport for doctors to visit outreach clinics for 6 months.
Repainted and renovated children's ward Weligama Hospital

Bounce Back Sri Lanka

Assisted 125 guesthouses to rebuild and reopen

Schools

Provided essential items including uniforms shoes school bags, desks and chairs to 100 schools in the southern province
Created "ASL Twins" - 100 Sri Lankan schools twinned with overseas schools employing 6 staff to oversee project
Rebuilt, repaired or renovated 17 classrooms
Constructed 4 school libraries
Constructed 9 preschools
Constructed 2 dance and art rooms

Provided dust protection blinds for 6 schools in the eastern dry zone of Sri Lanka
Provided photocopiers, computers, steel cupboards, overhead fans, black / white boards for administrative sections
Built a 100 metre x 80 metre sports playing field
Provided 21 schools with clean water and sanitation facilities
Constructed 35 toilet blocks
Fitted out 31 schools with new computer labs or computer equipment
Resourced 14 Science Labs
Provided 10 schools Eastern Band Equipment and 6 schools with Eastern Band Costumes
Provided 17 schools Western Band Equipment and 8 schools with Western Band Costumes
36 schools received sports equipment
33 schools fitted out with new classroom furniture
21 school groups taken part in Educational Tours around Sri Lanka
Supplied 21 schools with library furniture
Provided 11 schools Home Science Equipment
Connected 10 schools to the internet and telephone
Connected 16 schools to electricity
Provided 27 schools with storage cupboards and office furniture
23 schools have received new electronic equipment such as digital cameras, audio equipment and PA systems
Rebuilt Tangalle Blind School's Kitchen
Installed play equipment in 5 schools
Built 5 Dormitories and completely renovated the Deaf School, Tangalle

English Activity Rooms for Rural Inland Schools

Constructed 2 English Activity Rooms
Renovated 33 classrooms to create English Activity Rooms
Supplied 23 schools with custom made furniture for their English Activity Room
39 schools have received English activity games and resources
Supplied 22 schools with paints and other items to improve their English Activity Rooms
29 schools have received audio equipment for their English Activity Rooms
Supplied over 68 schools with library books or English books for their English units
Distributed 180 copies of the ASL TWINS English Activity Handbook for Teachers
Developed an ongoing training calendar for English Teachers from rural schools
Have so far provided specialised training for over 220 English Teachers from rural schools
Coordinating the monthly Excellence in English Awards for Sri Lankan teachers
Coordinating regular participation events such as the Annual ASL TWINS Teachers Conference in Sri Lanka

Swim Lanka

Installed 8 temporary swimming pools in Trincomale and Tangalle
Provided funding for 18 months to swimming trainers achieving 10,000 certificates of swim confidence
Constructed a 25 metre community swimming pool in Galle
Currently providing daily free swimming lessons to school children and marginalised community groups

Coastal Conservation

Restored turtle habitats in Rekewa and Kosgoda
Planted 300,000 mangroves and pandanus (spin pines)
Created 15 nurseries and new livelihoods
Currently constructing and eco friendly visitors centre in Rekawa including research centre and turtle hospital
Ongoing support to develop conservation awareness and turtle protection

Children's Homes

Supported 3 orphanages

Markets

Rebuilt 5 village markets

Livelihoods

Have assisted over 1200 individuals to rebuild their livelihoods by providing equipment in areas such as coir rope making, lace make, garment making, weaving, market trading, spice merchants, drivers, tuk tuk drivers, dance troupes, fish sellers, batik making.

Rebuilt 2 printing presses, 1 gym, 32 shops, 1 aquatic centre

Employed 30 Galle lace makers developing international lace business

Provided seed money for 2 batik businesses

Trauma Relief

Opened the Weligama Trauma Clinic, full time psycho social workers saw over 1000 individuals for 8 months.

Worked for one year assisting the mental health unit at Weligama Hospital

Facilitated 5 children's groups for art/drama and held individual child therapy sessions.

In total we reached over 2400 children in regular group therapy sessions for 18 months.

Employed 1 trauma specialist, 3 full time trauma community workers

Currently funding the running costs of the Rainbow Centre street children project with staff and 130 children

Orphan Sponsorship Program

Sponsored 140 orphaned children

Held regular events and employed one dedicated worker to oversee this program

Community Centres

Built 2 community centres

Playgrounds

Built 15 children's playgrounds, 1 community ground

Temples

Repaired 3 and built 1

Churches

Rebuilt 1 chapel

Water Towers

Built 5 / repaired 2

Hotel

Built 1 Hotel

Festivals

Organised 3 local community festivals

We would like to thank our sponsors (over 1200) for their outstanding generosity and the 227 volunteers that have assisted the AdoptSriLanka recovery program since 2005.