

**SWORD**  
SOCIAL WELFARE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMPARA  
DISTRICT

**ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR  
THE YEAR 2005**

**“Better Life for All “**

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## **Introduction:**

Our organization working with the motto “ Better Life for All” as though implemented activities with coordination of new stakeholders in each year in order to fulfill needs of people belonged to various communities , it is indispensable to examine and review at the end of each year as to whether we go towards the target and it attributes as one of the reasons for bringing out this publication.

At the same time, the people not yet liberated from the clutches of war situation and violence that lasted for over two decades, have been affected as a result of tidal waves of tsunami that hit across the Indian ocean on 26.12.2004 and our organization was forced with the burden of providing services for these communities. Under this situation, we are very much delighted when a sum of Rs.181.4 million was received for the reconstruction and rehabilitation activities and we would be failed in our responsibility if we do not express our sincere gratitude for all such funding organizations which provided the funds. This publication is also testified as an evidence to the quality of the services rendered by our organization in this connection with the contributions of Funding organizations.

I am very much happy to bring out this publication in keeping with the expectation of Funding organizations in keeping with the expectation of Funding compiling not only the rehabilitation activities for the tsunami affected but also other activities implemented in our area of operation .

So many thanks may go on behalf of the Information Unit to the Coordinator, members of the Management Body and other staff who provided support and cooperation for all activities carried out.

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## **PREFACE**

The Social Welfare Organization of Ampara district (SWOAD) , has been established on 01.08.1995 by Mr. Shanmugam Senthurajah in order to lighten the lives of people who were affected as a result of war situation and ethnic conflicts that flared up in Ampara district

The organization SWOAD, has been carrying out and implementing community development activities in 54 villages situated within the administrative limits of Divisional Secretariats namely Pothuvil, Thirukkivil, Karaitivu, Kalmunai, Sammanthurai, Navithanveli and Uhana integrating members of all three communities.

### **As objectives of the organization .....**

- Provide equal opportunities and services for vulnerable people in Ampara District to fulfill their basic needs.
- Provide services of Result Based Skill for people who are so vulnerable .
- Foster skilled staff, encourage people who are with the talent of creativity and those who support to achieve the goal.
- It is notable that the activities carried out to achieve the above objectives for the welfare of community affected by war situation and violence, were turned to be activities of welfare, livelihood support and reconstruction for the destitute community affected by sudden eruption of tsunami in the district.

# TSUNAMI REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

The tidal waves of tsunami that hit across the Indian Ocean on 26.1.2004, caused havoc throughout the coastal divisions of our area of operation and hence, the activities already planned for the year 2005 got stagnated for the reason that we had to undertake rehabilitation work immediately after tsunami for the affected families, effecting changes in our structure.

## 01. “Cash for Work “ Action Plan to clear debris.

This Work Plan has been implemented with fund provided by Japan Embay, SCiSL and CA I affected area,



## 02. Providing Relief Items.

Food and non food items have been issued for families affected through the organization by OXFAM, SCiSL and Ampara District NGO Consortium.



## 03. Construction of Temporary Housing.

1020 temporary houses have been constructed for the affected families in the Divisional Secretariat divisions of Thirukkivil, Akkaraipattu, Addalachenai and Nintavur.

### **Permanent Housing Construction.**

With an objective of providing permanent houses for people who lost their dwelling places and transforming them with community integration , 20 houses each cost Rs.600,000/- in Kalmuni and Karaitivu divisions were constructed with the fund provided by Christian Aid .



### **04. Construction of temporary toilets.**

In order to improve healthy living of people who having affected ,sought refuge in Welfare Centres, temporary toilets were immediately constructed for them and the fund was provided by OXFAM.

#### **Construction of Toilets.**

Having prioritized families who were handed over with temporary houses in Thirukkivil, Akkaraipattu and Addalachenai division, 263 toilets have been constructed and provided for them with assistance of OXFAM and UNICEF.

### **05. Economical Development.**

Tools and equipments were provided and loan assistance with lower interest and cost free project have been introduced for Tsunami affected people in order to promote their employment activities and improve their living condition under Economical Development Project. Diakonia, DCA, NDTF, SCiSL, Oxfam and Helpage were the organizations that supported for loan project.

**Detail of loans granted.**

<b>D.S. Division</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>No of Amount Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pottuvil, Thirukkivil, Kalmunai, Sammanthurai, Navithanvely, Karaithivu	Agriculture	2533	47,093,500.00
	Livestock	60	912,000.00
	Brick Making	66	1,527,000.00
	Poultry Keeping	232	4,465,000.00
	Business	415	10,191,000.00
	Small Industries	325	3,312,000.00
	Home Gardening	26	306,000.00
	Highland Crop Cultivation	157	2,657,000.00
	Carpentry	43	1,048,000.00
	Fishing	62	8,581,960.00
	House Repairing	180	3,115,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>4099</b>	<b>83,208,460.00</b>

**Detail of loan according to Fund Providers.**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>No. of beneficiaries</b>	<b>Amount</b>
SWOAD	2030	28,470,000.00
OXFAM	677	26,510,000.00
DCA	300	9,000,000.00
Helpage	105	1,285,000.00
UNDP	45	564,000.00
SCiSL	385	8,431,000.00
NDTF	177	4,562,000.00
Oxfam (Batt.)	15	125,000.00
Diakonia	458	7,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>85,947,500.00</b>

**The detail of Project activities implemented in order to rehabilitate people affected in employment in tsunami affected divisions is as follows:**

The Livelihood Support Project implemented in Thirukkivil division with funds provided by OXFAM.

Tools and equipments as well as funds were provided to 1568 beneficiaries in 9 GN divisions of Thirukkivil DS division with the purpose of rehabilitating and starting employment activities that were affected due to tsunami.

Detail of employment activities	No. of beneficiaries	Amount
Masonry	189	1,323,000.00
Carpentry	108	1,300,000.00
Poultry Keeping	45	1,350,000.00
Paddy Cultivation	418	12,540,000.00
High Land Crop Cultivation	41	1,230,000.00
Mobile Business	87	870,000.00
Small Business	96	2,880,000.00
Livestock & Fishing	123	624,000.00
Fishing in rivers	72	987,710.00
Deep Sea Fishing	60	8,060,968.00

Detail of employment activities	No. of beneficiaries	Amount
Sewing	38	542,300.00
Saloon	06	45,000.00
Washer men	07	40,000.00
Mechanic	10	100,000.00
Small Industries	154	770,000.00
Brick Making	17	510,000.00
Support for Poorest of the poor	55	990,000.00
Agriculture Companies	42	1,066,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1568</b>	<b>35,230,523.00</b>

**The following assistances were granted with Diakonia Fund.**

	Employment activities	Pothvil	Thirukkivil	Karaitivu	Kalmunai	No. of beneficiaries	Value
01	Carpentry	5		5		10	110,000.00
02	Masonry	9	2	9		20	100,000.00
03	River Fishing	4			1	05	25,000.00
04	Mobile Business	1	1		4	06	60,000.00
05	Mechanic		1	1	2	04	40,000.00
06	Sewing	1				01	15,000.00
07	Hair Dressing Centre			1		01	7,500.00
08	Laundry			1	2	03	15,000.00
09	Small Industries		24	6	12	42	210,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>583,000.00</b>



**With the view of re-starting employment activities, taking into consideration of transport facilities, 651 bicycles were provided by organizations namely DC, Direct Aid Sri Lanka, and CHA.**

Division	DCA	Direct Aid	CHA
Pothuvil		103	
Thirukkovil	300	51	
Karaitivu		38	25
Kalmunai		51	83
Total	300	243	108

For those who have been affected in Sewing activities and those who were without employment after completing training, 23 sewing machines were provided by CHA for 23 beneficiaries of Kalmunai and Karaitivu divisions.



## 06. Water and Sanitation.

Affected people faced an important problem in water and sanitation aftermath of tsunami and all were aware that this issue has become a big problem. The drinking water has been supplied through containers in coastal area till today. In order to fulfill this need, the following activities have been undertaken by the organization.

- The water in the drinking water wells has been pumped out and made clear aftermath of tsunami.
- Provided drinking water to Welfare centres using plastic containers.
- Coordinating activities in supplying drinking water, were implemented for 6 months period aftermath of tsunami.
- Construction of temporary toilets.
- Construction of permanent toilets.
- Construction of Drinking water wells.
- Facilitated translation support and providing accommodation for the Health Team arrived from Thailand to health support.
- Constructed tanks for collecting rain water in Navithanveli division with assistance of USAID and ITDG.
- Conducted awareness seminars on water and sanitation through Public Health Officers and Family Health Officers.
- Chlorine applied in wells.

Division	Organizations provided assistance	Drinking water Wells	Water Tank	Toilets	Temporary Toilets	Tanks for collecting rain water
Pothuvil	Oxfam	03		38		
Thirukkivil	Oxfam, Helpage, Unicef	01	12	200	67	
Karaitivu	Helpage					
Kalmunai	Helpage, USAID, GVC		40	25		
Sammanthurai	Oxfam			10		
Navithanveli	USAID, ITDG			20		10
Akkaraipattu	Oxfam	04			12	
<b>Total</b>			<b>52</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>10</b>



## 07. Protection of environment.

- Polythene Use Eradication Day was celebrated under protection of Environment project. Also a demonstration has been organized and conducted in Kalmunai division to create awareness on discarding polythene use and bulletin was published and disseminated in this regard.
- Seedlings of perennial and useful trees were planted in all divisions.
- Bags made of clothes were introduced to discard the usage of polythene bags.
- Under Revive Project, 18848 seedlings of coconut trees and 12767 plants of cashew were supplied to 3617 beneficiaries for replantation in affected area to sustain the devastated natural resources.
- Awareness on recycling of polythene use provided and as a result, 236 families reduced using polythene and two members completely gave up using the polythene.
- Shramadhana activities were carried out and demonstration organized in view of the Dengue Eradication Day

## **08. Activities through Village Groups.**

- 102 Shramadhana activities were taken place during this year for clearing Public Roads, Play Grounds, Buddhist temples and Hindu temples in all divisions.
- 7025 tablet covers were prepared and supplied to hospitals in all area of operation.
- Training on gender equity provided for 58 children in Kalmunai division through trained Rural Development Officer.
- Classes free of cost were conducted for 223 students living in village Branches of the organization, studying in classes from Grade 01 to grade 5.
- 353 members engage in Home Gardening activity following the practices of using natural fertilizers.
- Members of village groups follow “Cheetu” system (Traditional method of making savings) and have purchased their daily needs.
- Members of the village group coordinated activities and constructed 15 cottages for destitute poorest of the poor families.
- Fines are recovered from those who fail to keep up time management at Branch meetings. They pay the fines with willingness. These fines are utilized to purchase chairs and make plastic garlands for renting out. Also the proceeds of fine has been used for branch development activities.
- The Branch management met School drop-out and helped them to be readmitted in schools.
- Members of village group got together , prepare vegetable porridge and provide for pre school children to improve their nutritional status.
- Village groups got together , collected Rs.2000/- and deposited in the bank for the account of a child who lost parents in Navithanveli.
- By making a field exposure visit to a model farm in Sadayanthalawa, by members of Branch Managements of Malwatta and Valathapiddy in Sammanthureai division, they learnt the method of using natural fertilizers and application of new technology in their activities.
- 1121 plants of fruit trees and seedlings of perennial trees were planted in our area of operation.
- In pursuance of health promoting activities, chlorine was applied in 267 wells.
- Members of Thambiluvil -01 Branch, make use of Anahi Oven.
- In order to promote the sense of mutual understanding among communities in Pothuvil, , Sportsmeet was organized and conducted between Komari and Urani Branch members.

## **09. Educational Development.**

- For 50 students identified living within the administrative limits of the Divisinal Secretariats of Thirukkivil, Karaitivu, Kalmunai, Sammanthrai, Navithanveli and Akkaraipattu, educational assistance of Rs. 143600/- has been paid to enable them to take up higher education and attend to private tuition classes. This support was provided by Diakonia.
- Revision classes for Tamil and Social Study subjects were conducted at Alayadivembu Rama Krishna College for 253 students who prepare for the GCE (O.L) Examination at the cost of Rs. 13,500/-
- Classes on Science, Mathematic and English, are conducted for students of GCE (O.L) in Pothuvil division and Rs. 31780/ is spent as Teachers’ salaries.

- Parapet walls and 4 toilets were constructed for Parameswara school in Thirukkivil division with fund of Rs. Five hundred thousand provided by DCA organization.

## 10. Providing Vocation Training

All are well aware that the World University of Canada (WUSC) is an organization providing immeasurable services in providing vocational trainings. In this respect, when there was shortage of skilled workers to take up rehabilitation activities in tsunami affected areas, it was the organization provided training in carpentry, House Wiring etc within a short period and helped to carry out rehabilitation activities through those who were trained in such vocational trainings. Also the course of motor bicycle repairing was started. At present, there are 50 male and female trainees undergo at this training course of study.

- WUSC provided fund to construct the building for conducting Motor cycle Repair Training.
- Tool Package valued at Rs.7000/- was issued to those who completed carpentry training in 2004.
- During the course of providing assistance by WUSC to those who were affected by tsunami .....

	<b>Bicycle</b>	<b>NFRI Pack</b>	<b>Cash</b>
SWOAD staff affected	31	31	62,000.00
Carpentry Trainees	13	13	-
House Wiring Trainees	14	14	-
Motor Cycle Repair Trainees	10	10	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>62, 000.00</b>

## 11. Children Development

1. Pre school
2. Children Clubs

Children in our area of operation have been affected psychosocially as a result of war situation that prevailed for two decades and they again had to face the havoc caused by tsunami. At this juncture, organizations SCiSL and FIT came forward to provide special services and taking into consideration of educational development and change of attitude for such children, our organization implemented Children Development Project.

There was confusion of mind and attitude as well as setback in education among children aftermath of tsunami . During this period, organizations SCiSL , Unicef and FIT provided Play materials, Learning materials and Uniform for such children. Also a Tea Service Event was conducted by FIT for children in Welfare Centers. Besides, an Action Plan on Child Right has been implemented at Chavalakade village in Navithanveli Division. It is also notable that trainings on child rights, tsunami eruption and preparedness to face disasters were conducted for 10 staff.

#### **In Action Plan on Child Rights.....**

- Conducted Awareness Seminars for parents on importance of education.
- Conducted Private Classes.
- Set Up of Library
- Carried out Awareness Rising activities on Child's Rights, Early Childhood marriage, Prevention of women going abroad, and eradication of alcoholism.
- Celebrated Children Day
- Conducted Exchange Program and Rain Coats and pairs of shoes were provided for 151 students.
- Awareness created on importance of education and child rights through Posters, Stickers and Banners.

<b>Division</b>	<b>No. of Pre schools</b>	<b>No. of students</b>	<b>No. of Children Clubs</b>	<b>No. of Children</b>
Pothuvil	04	245	03	254
Thirukkovil	09	407	04	247
Karaitivu	03	79	02	139
Kalmunai	05	168	07	631
Sammanthurai	03	98	04	167
Navithanveli	06	201	06	556
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1994</b>

#### **Children activities:**

- Food of nutritional value is provided with parents' contributions.
- Weights measured monthly.
- Vaccination and Awareness of children health provided to parents through Public Health Officers and Family Health Workers.
- Training on Pre school education is provided monthly for pre school teachers.
- Vegetable porridge is supplied with contribution of Branch Management.
- Sportsmeet, and Artistic Events were conducted among children.

## **Detail of Projects and Donors supported in implementing Children Development Program**

<b>Name of the Donor</b>	<b>Project Provided</b>
CIDA – FIT	Child Right Action Plan has been implemented at Chavalakade village in Navithanveli division
SCISL	Learning Equipments obtained fro 15 Pre schools. 2 temporary pre schools were constructed in Thirukkivil division at the cost of Rs.140,000.00. Also the learning equipments and utensils were provided for these pre schools.
WUSC	8 Pre schools are constructed at the cost of Rs.3,808,000.00
Unicef	Play materials for 14 children clubs are supplied.
SWOAD	Land for the pre school , ha been purchased in Thambaddai village and a sum of Rs. 50, 000.00 was spent.
Ampara NGO Consortium	A pre school has been constructed in Thirukkivil Division at the cost of Rs.75,000/-
GVC	A pre school in Kalmunai has been constructed.
Siva Charity SOND	8 Pre schools in the area of operation affected by tsunami, have been constructed at the cost of eight hundred thousand rupees.

A sum of Rs. One hundred and twenty thousand has been deposited in the bank for 40 children who have lost their parents due to tsunami at the rate of Rs.3000/- as per child. This assistance provided by Swami Niththiyananda.

A sum of Rs. 10,000/- has been deposited in the Bank for 5 children who lost their parents. This assistance has bee provided by DCA.

### **As activities of Children Clubs.....**

- Conduct Free classes.
- Setting up library
- Conduct Artistic and Cultural Events.
- Re-admit school drop-outs in schools
- Provide trainings for Children Clubs.
- Prepare and provide exhibits for pre schools functioning in their division.
- Initiate Shramadhana activities.
- Conduct monthly meetings with coordination of children club members.

## **12. Elders Development.**

Our organization has been implementing Elders Development program in the area of operation such as Pothuvil, Thirukkivil, Karaitivu and Kalmunai divisions with assistance provided by Helpage

- Provide loan assistance for elders above age of 55 years to engage in self employment activities and improve their living condition.
- Conduct health clinics and provide medical support for elders.
- Conduct Elders' Day celebration



- Provide trainings for volunteers who implement work plan for elders.
- Conduct programs of artistic value and increase elders' role in activities carried at divisional level.
- Old People Associations have been formed and various activities are implemented through these OPA.

1. Monthly meetings.
2. News published in newspapers are read by them.
3. Physical Exercises are practiced.
4. They engage in Shramadhana activities.

### **13. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; (NECCDEP)**

With the objective of developing the community affected by war situation in the north eastern provinces and rehabilitating the community affected by tsunami, the NECCDEP project has been implemented with fund of Asian Development Bank and we are happy that our organization has been selected as a partner organization under this project. The following divisions have been selected for development activities.

<b>Year 2005</b>	
<b>Divisional secretariat Division</b>	<b>Grama Seveka Division</b>
Pothuvil	1. Pothuvil- 25 2. Pothuvil -22 Manalchenai Sangamankandy
Thirukkivil	3. Thambaddai -02
Alayadivembu	4. Aligambai
<b>Year 2006</b>	
Thirukkivil	5. Thambiluvil-01 South
	6. Thambiluvil -02 East
	7. Vinayagapuram -01
Karaitivu	8. Karaitivu-08
	9. Karaitivu-08
Kalmunai	10. Kalmunai-03 Tamil Division

Based on first phase of activity, inauguration meeting and Participatory Rural approach were completed in villages Aligambai, Thambaddai and Sangamankandy and "Village Development Project was handed over. This is a Three Year Planning project

#### **As project activities...**

- Formulation of Village Development Project.
- Community Strengthening.
- Community Infra structure projects.
- Provide leadership training.
- Provide services relating to entrepreneurship development and livelihood.
- Micro Finance
- Protection of environment
- Development projects for women.
- Conduct awareness seminars.
- Peace and Co existence.



#### 14. Death Donation Project.

Under this project, those who obtained membership in the organization, shall pay a sum of Rs.5/ monthly i.e Rs.60/ yearly. This payment is paid for the death of members' parents, children and unmarried sisters. Rs. 5000/- is paid that is to say Rs. 3000/- in the first instance and Rs. 2000/- subsequently. The death donations are collected and payment is made in strict compliance of procedure adopted by the organization. The payment of death donation in respect of members who were killed due to tsunami has been made on request in accordance with the Circular relating to payment of Death Donation. Rs. 7,86,000/- was paid to 272 members as death donations accordingly.

<b>Detail of Death Donation paid in respect of death caused by tsunami</b>	<b>Detail of Death Donation paid in respect of death caused by other than tsunami</b>
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<b>Division</b>	<b>No. of members dead</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>	<b>No. of members dead</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>
Pothuvil	9	27,000.00	7	21,000.00
Thirukkovil	65	185,000.00	48	143,000.00
Karaitivu	109	314,000.00	24	38,000.00
Kalmunai	89	260,000.00	24	71,000.00
Sammanthurai	00	00	17	49,000.00
Navithanveli	00	00	20	59,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>786,000.00</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>381,000.00</b>

#### DEATH DONATIONS RECOVERED

<b>Division</b>	<b>Death donations recovered.</b>
Pothuvil	47,257.00
Thirukkovil	120,145.00
Karaitivu	43,860.00
Kalmunai	72,768.00
Sammanthurai	35,369.00
Navithanveli	65,220.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>384,619.00</b>

## 15. INSURANCE SCHEME

29 Widows have been insured for agriculture pension with the support of DCA and the detail is as follows:

Division	No. of widows insured	Insurance amount
Pohtuvil	01	8,090.00
Thirukkovil	10	67,970.00
Karaitivu	11	83,340.00
Kalmunai	07	47,330.00
Sammanthurai	00	0.00
Navithanveli	00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>206,730.00</b>

## 16. Skill development of staff.

When various activities were to be undertaken in 2005, there was a shortage of trained staff in the organization. Hence, in order to ensure the effectiveness and quality of services I activities, staff and volunteers groups have been incorporated in large numbers and the need for providing training them was realized. However, neither residential nor short tem trainings could not be conducted since they were engaged to carry out activities in emergency. Only the training related to the services could be provided. Most of such trainings could be provided only at night since they were fully engaged in activities during the day time. Topics and titles for conducting trainings were identified and training conducted by the Coordinator.

It has been appreciated that organizations came forward to carry out tsunami relief activities, provided trainings to staff in order to ensure efficiency and quality of services for the affected people.

It is also appreciated at this juncture that the services rendered by volunteer groups who were identified and trained in our area of operation, could not be forgotten since they committed themselves and rendered continued services for 6 months period from within a few hours of the disaster that flared up without expecting any payment. Our organization is indebted to express its heart felt thanks for them.

Training Title	Organizations conducted the trainings
Disaster Management	Diakonia
Drinking water, Health and Leadership	Oxfam
Psychosocial Counseling	SCiSL, SOND
Gender Equity and Development Monitoring and Evaluation	WUSC
Child's Rights	FIT
Gender Equity and Skill Development to maintain children	SCiSL
Water Management and Economical Development	ITDG, USAID
Elders' Promotion	Helpage

Report Writing, Information Management Monitoring and Evaluation	NFPO
Training for Community activist and Social Mobilization	NECCDEP
Conflicts and Conflict Resolutions Peace	CHA, GTZ Pirabothini

### External Communication and Lesson learnt

Our organization had increase its services to three-fold when the tsunami disaster that erupted on 26.12.2004 caused havoc. Accordingly we had to strengthen and enhance our external communication and we had to maintain smooth relationship with Government , Non Government institutions, village leaders, Service providers and exchange information. In order to avoid duplication of activities and sustain transparency with beneficiaries, a post of External Affairs Officer has been created and activities taken up.

Meeting, Training Title	Lesson learnt	Issues implemented
Advocacy	Guide people to have access of reasonable services and enjoyment of their rights	Damages for losses caused by Tsunami
Recovery from immediate impact	Formulate activities and initiatives for people affected by disasters to recover and help them to return to normalcy	Design action plans and implement to recover from the impact of the tsunami
Disaster Management	Knowledge about the places and locations that endanger life and how to provide services at the time of the disaster	Provided trainings for staff on issues of Disaster Management and formulation of methodology on disaster preparedness
Participatory activities and coordination	Methodology on utilization of resources without duplication and waste-free development	Information Sharing and local resource is utilized when project is implemented.
Preparation of Project Proposal	Knowledge on preparation of Project proposal based on community needs by target groups.	Carried out need assessment with people participation.

## **Thambaddai Training Resource centre.**

The Resource Centre situated at Thambaddai Village was affected by the tidal waves of tsunami, having its properties destroyed and sustained losses. The building used for restaurant was completely devastated and the guest house was also damaged. As the organization sustained damages valued at nearly 2.3 million rupees, only a partly damage was caused to the training centre which was set up with a benevolent objective. However it has been reconstructed and it is functioning at present as usual.

The farming unit was completely destroyed and seedlings of various perennial trees including teak, were planted under the Tree Planting activity.

Also the building for training is being constructed with fund provided by WUSC.

## **Special activities taken place during this year**

- Third Floor building of Head office was declared open.
- Children Day was celebrated all over the area of operation.
- Elders' Day was celebrated in Komari village.
- The Day for the eradication of Polythene Use, has been observed.
- Sports meet conducted among youths.
- Specks for 50 beneficiaries were issued free of cost with the support of RDO and GN at Malwatta in Sammanthurai division.
- Navarathri Day was observed at the Head office and Divisional offices.
- Women Day was celebrated.
- With assistance provided by DCA, action has been taken to obtain legal documents such as birth certificate and National Identity Cards for 300 persons who did not have such documents and issued.
- Similarly 84 persons were identified in Karaitivu division and documents issued.
- Three Wheeled Chairs were provided for 3 disables with the assistance of DCA.

## **Problems faced during implementation of activities.**

- Intervention of other organizations and their activities not planned.
- Those who have not been affected, expected assistance.
- Those who have affected and provided with livelihood support, failed to engage in activities.
- There was duplication of activities in providing assistances.

## **Future Planning.**

Listening to complaints made by beneficiaries and fulfilling their needs, have been our activities all the time and it strengthens us.

We have clear objectives and we are keen to continue carrying out activities in 3 to 5 years. However, we take all steps to help people to achieve services of maximum benefit, undertaking activities, having examined ourselves from time to time as to whether our objectives would fulfill the needs of people. Therefore, we propose to delegate the management to village groups within a period of 5 years. We facilitate

people to take initiatives to fulfill their basic needs such as drinking water, housing protection of environment with support of technical assistance and skill development by SWOAD.

We continue carrying out activities to provide assistance for those who have been affected by tsunami during the year 2006 and help them to lead a better life having them been achieved sustainability and rehabilitated their lives.

As far as SWOAD is concerned, the individual development is important for staff and beneficiaries. So we will continue undertaking this activity.

**- It is Our people who are strength to us.-**