

**ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT OF
WOMEN AFFECTED BY THE TSUNAMI (MR)**
1st Jul 2006 – 31st Jun 2007

- PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To enable women affected by the tsunami to be empowered socially, politically and economically, allowing them to take leadership roles within family and community
- To increase women's income, enhance women's self-perception, self-confidence and personal strength with a view to enabling them to face challenges in daily life

- PROJECT LOCATIONS:

- *Tangalle District:* Madakettiya, Dankettiya, Mara kolliya, Yayawatta
- *Matara District:* Polhena

- PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Continuing with weekly meetings of 93 small groups

Objective : Enhance livelihood opportunities of women in small groups;
Improve self-perception and solidarity among women

Monthly Community Discussion Forums

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Ongoing Outreach Work by Social Mobilisers to identify and develop potential community leaders

Objective : Enhance livelihood opportunities for women in small groups;
Improve self perception and solidarity among women

Preparation of 15 Discussion Kits for Awareness Raising Activities, to use in small group discussions

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Improve self perception and solidarity among women
Develop the capacity of social mobilisers in awareness raising and facilitating small groups

Workshop for Social Mobilisers on Managing Collectives

Objective : Provide credit on a larger scale to members of the collectives

Educational Exchange tour of social mobilisers to Balangoda to gain experience in the working of collectives

Objective : Provide credit on a larger scale to members of the collectives

Set up and run monthly meetings of two Collectives which operate revolving loan funds, funded by Global Fund for Women

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6 Workshops in Capacity Building/ Training of Trainers

Objectives : Develop the capacity of social mobilisers in awareness raising and facilitating small groups

3 Training Programs in Forum Theatre and Street Drama conducted by People's Theatre Group; Forming of a Street Drama Group; Performances by New Trainees on Women's Issues

Objectives : Enable women to communicate women's issues to the public

Monthly Women's Fair

Objective : To provide the women with access to markets

Location : Polhena and Tangalla