

**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, Madiha

- PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Setting up a "Beeralu Lace" Making Centre

Objective : To harness and develop the 'beeralu lace' making skill of rural women to enable them to earn an income while preserving the traditional craft and upgrading it to attract the markets.

Location : Polhena

Training in Income Generating Activities.

Objective : To enable women to earn an income

Location :

Training Activity: - Batik production
- Fabric painting
- Soap making
- Candle, incense sticks and ornamental paper- bucket making for religious festivals
- Home gardening
- Vehicle driving (light)

Campaigns

Objectives : To raise awareness of the public on women's rights, social justice, peace and tolerance

Campaign Event: Joint women's day- March 8th 2008

Location : Balangoda, Polhena and Tangalla

Campaign Event: Campaign to kindle love and tolerance in people

Location : Balangoda, Polhena and Tangalla

Exchange Visits between small groups

Objective : To motivate the small groups to self sustain and strengthen their capacity for the same;
To encourage the mobilisers to strategise for the self sustenance of the small groups.

Location : Balangoda, Polhena and Tangalla.

2 Workshops for Awareness Raising on Women's Issues

Objective : To strengthen the knowledge and information base of social mobilisers with a view to enable them to raise awareness of small groups

Location : Matara or Tangalla

Workshop on Training in Management

Objective : To increase the efficiency of the social mobilisers to carry out the project activities.

Location : Colombo or Matara

2 Health Clinics

Objective : To improve women's access to information on health with a view to help them to deal with health related issues in daily life.

Location : Polhena and Tangalla

New Expansion

Objective : Continue supporting the expansion of small groups into the 3 new villages
Location : Mara kolliya, Yayawatta, Madiha

Emergency Fund

Objective : To strengthen the capacity of women to cope with crisis, emergencies and conflicts
Location : All project areas

Strategic Plan Workshop

Objective : To assess the current situation of the organization and plan its direction in the future.
Location : Participation by all project stakeholders

Continuation of on going activities – Small Groups, Collectives,

Continuation and Development of Women's Monthly Fair

Objective : To provide the women with access to markets
Locations : Polhena and Tangalla

Monthly Discussion Forums

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