



***“Give a man a fish and he will live a day...Teach a man to fish and he will live a lifetime.”***

### **Children**

School supplies for 1,500 children which included school bags, notebooks, pens and pencils, geometry boxes and water bottles were distributed by the Duchess Club and volunteers from ReviewNet Technologies on Saturday, January 15. The Tamil Nadu State Government has agreed to distribute school uniforms free of cost to affected children by the end of the month.

### **Medical**

Weekly medical camps started Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in all 13 villages. Over 400 villagers have been examined in the past two weeks. The scheduled specialist camp to be held in Chennai on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> has enlisted the assistance of an ENT specialist, an orthopedic surgeon and Dr. Prithika Chary, neurologist. Dr. Chary has also contacted a general surgeon, psychologist, psychiatrist and an eye specialist to help with this event. Donated medicines from American Jewish World Service/Direct Relief International have also been cleared by customs thus will be available to patients by next week.

### **Livelihoods**

#### *Fishing Nets*

Each fisherman had approximately 25kg of net before the Tsunami hit. The cost of replacing these nets range from Rs. 340 – Rs. 400 per kg depending on the type of fish caught by the fishermen. Realizing that this process will take some more time, SEA is purchasing 100kg nets for each village to be distributed through the fishing cooperatives on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, each village is being surveyed to identify the type of nets which are needed by each fisherman to help with placing the order. Fishing net companies have also been contacted to get information on prices and time frame for delivery.

#### *Boats/Engines*

The cost of each catamaran is Rs. 20,000 and fishing boat is Rs. 80,000. Boats which can be repaired range anywhere between Rs. 10,000 – Rs. 30,000. Engines which can be repaired are estimated at Rs. 10,000 per engine with new engines costing Rs. 35,000. Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd. has been able to set up repairing camps in Nagapattnam for repairing of boats and engines. Dasra is hoping to replicate this camp in Mahabalipuram to assist with SEA's villages in February.

#### *Employment Opportunities*

Hutch has offered alternative employment opportunities for youth residing in SEA's fishing villages as security guards at their various premises. Recruitment will be held later this week.

### **Fundraising**

FFE Minerals (F. L. Smidth Group Company) visited SEA on January 13<sup>th</sup> to assess the damage and figure out areas where they can play a role with the rehabilitation process. After the visit, they expressed interest in supporting the livelihoods of the fishermen and will discuss funding initiatives with their employees later this week.

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Individual donors residing in the US have contributed over \$4,500 which will go towards the purchase of the 100Kg nets in for each village.

### **Supporting these villages**

If you would like to assist with the rehabilitation efforts of these 13 villages and reside in the US, please email your name, address, phone number and donation amount to [deval@dasra.org](mailto:deval@dasra.org) and mail your check made out to "Dasra" to:

Dasra  
12238 Maily Meadowlane  
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

There is also an on-line payment option with PayPal. Please specify the recipient as [deval@dasra.org](mailto:deval@dasra.org).

For Indian residents, please email your name, address, phone number and donation amount to [deval@dasra.org](mailto:deval@dasra.org) and courier an Indian Overseas Bank (Mahabalipuram) demand draft in favor of "Society for Education and Action (SEA)" to:

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Society for Education & Action (SEA)  
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Kancheepuram District 603 104  
Tamil Nadu, South India

As always your donation is tax deductible and 100% of your contribution will be used for the relief and rehabilitation efforts in SEA's 13 villages.

For Chennai residents who would like to volunteer with SEA, please contact Mr. Ram V. at 98410 10698 or email him at [ram.vellayan@gmail.com](mailto:ram.vellayan@gmail.com). For supporters who would like to assist with fundraising efforts, please email [deval@dasra.org](mailto:deval@dasra.org) or call at 98201 04321.

### **Supporters**

Dasra is grateful for the outpouring of support and assistance during this period. We would also like to thank the following organizations/individuals who have contributed funds and time to this effort.

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