

Rapport of our visit to Kalapuwa October 2015

Tineke and Theo were back in Sri Lanka, 28th.Sept. to 9th.October, to further our project .

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported us and made donations to the project.

By giving boats, sewing machines, bicycles and a Tuk Tuk, or a start capital for a new business, we have been able to help 70% of the original inhabitants of the peninsula towards a better life. Many had this before the Tsunami but now no funding is available to pick up the pieces of their lives.



Micro-credit has formed the basis of our approach to the situation. In each case one third of the investment is given as a gift and the balance has to be repaid over a 36 month period following on from a three month start period.



From those we visited we may conclude that the system works.

Almost all of the children on the peninsula now attend school. Children of parents unable to pay for the necessary items, 40 out of 280, have been helped by the gift of a uniform and the implements required at school. This is often the case where the Father is deceased or has permanent injury as a result of the Tsunami and where we can offer no other help than to help the children to receive an education and improve their lives.

We have also been able to offer some assistance to a Girls 'Orphanage in the form of teaching aids.

Tineke, together with a local aid worker, evaluated the situation and established a list of requirements.



We have made an exception to our standard guidelines and been in contact with a school outside the area of the peninsula where many victims of the Tsunami live. The school is a ruin and the available

equipment well below par. At least 50% of the children came to school with no shoes or school books. We have supplied 360 children with teaching aids, shoes and a satchel and started a library at the school.

Other activities during this visit:

Five families have been helped with a new roof for their houses. These families were displaced after the Tsunami and now want nothing to do with the peninsula or the sea and are all broken families, with the loss of a parent or having sustained serious injuries.



We have supplied ten bicycles and twelve sewing machines and made an excellent arrangement with the supplier of the sewing machine, Singer, for lessons to be given. They have offered to educate 30 women in the use of the machines. A location is available for the machine courses and also for a hand sewing

course. The Foundation pays half of the cost of the course, Euro 75 instead of the Euro 150. From the monies saved we have bought extra sewing machines and in March will buy another ten and the beneficiaries will be trained in the meantime.





As previously mentioned we have been able to help many 'starters' this time. We have discussed their plans and where possible made a business plan with them.

For example:

For the starting up of a restaurant (fixtures, fittings and kitchen equipment)	Rs.125.000
Cultivation of plant species	Rs.100.000
<u>Tuk Tuk services</u>	Rs.230.000
Making and selling beach clothes	Rs.50.000 + Rs.30.000
Home bakery	Rs.50.000
Lime pickle production (delicacy in Sri Lanka)	Rs.90.000
<u>Tuk Tuk services</u>	Rs.190.000
Retail clothing sales	Rs.50.000
Beach clothing sales	Rs.50.000
Material purchase	Rs.30.000

This trip was extremely successful and we were able to give 32 families a chance of a better life and we returned home with some considerable satisfaction.