

**PROJECT PROPOSAL TO OFFER URGENT ASSISTANCE TO
"TSUNAMI VICTIMS" IN TRICOMALEE.
SUBMITTED BY SIHNALA WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION (SWO).**

SWO IS A NON- PROFIT VOLUNTARY NGO ESTABLISHED IN 1985. FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS IT HAS PROVIDED SERVICES TO SRI LANKAN COUNTRYMEN AND WOMEN WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION, ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF CIVIL UNREST AND NATURAL DISASTERS.

Background for project:

In the last one-month SWO has traveled extensively from South to East along the seacoast and surveyed the extensive loss and damage caused to over 300,000 people. Their livelihoods and their homes are destroyed and we have witnessed the grief of over 40,000 who are dead. The magnitude of the disaster is such that the Government cannot provide/implement all requirements by itself. NGO's are rated as better implementers. The bureaucracy is slow and benefits do not reach the victims. Special needs of Women & children are not addressed speedily. Gender inequities are apparent & therefore require women workers. Our committees comprise of men as well as women (more women) who work side by side on a voluntary basis to assist the affected communities and the individuals. . Therefore we are in a position to provide these services to the affected families (with a focus on children, women, and the elderly- the most high risk groups) in a speedy manner.

Many towns & villages in the Southern Region are visited often and provided with supplies frequently due to easy access. SWO has identified Trincomalee as one of the most neglected areas. It is over 380 kilometers from the capital of Colombo and involves costly travel. Up to now, the affected victims of Trincomalee who have "lost all" have not received the basic minimum of relief - food shelter and other amenities. As our organization has operated in this area in the past, our strong community contacts and experience in working in this difficult area puts SWO in a position of strength to conduct relief operations in this community. SWO has currently identified about 1500 victims (mostly families with children) in this area. SWO has visited them regularly & provided many support services to these traumatized countrymen and women i.e. clothes, food, cooking utensils, bedding & lines, medicine, sanitary needs, bottled water, (over 5000 plastic containers), infants needs to lactating mothers etc. The cost of these supplies has been valued at over Rs: 600,000.

Their Primary needs identified at present

1) A support group to care for them and help them to overcome their shock and grief. (Organization volunteer trained members will provide this vital service at no cost to the project – time and expenses for this part provided by volunteers)

- 2) To help them with shelter, food, and clothing up to 6 months. At the end of this period it is expected that the current relief plans will empower them to “get on their feet” and rebuild and continue with their lives with minimum support.
- 3) Help children with school requirements.
- 4) Finances to help them rebuild their livelihoods - fishing in the high seas, small and medium enterprises. **** (See details below)**
- 5) Financial assistance to repair fishing boats, and repair and rebuild their houses that have been partially and completely destroyed by Tsunami.

****Livelihoods of affected Tsunami Victims in the identified areas:**

- 1) Fishing in high seas - high-income category.
- 2) Selling of fish by men & women on push bicycles
- 3) Boutiques - selling miscellaneous goods.
- 4) Selling of vegetables from house to house or in shops
- 5) Tailoring, (home enterprises: making sweets, making reed baskets etc.)
- 6) Selling of green leaves on large scale (keera, pala)

Financial assistance is requested from I-FREED to carry out the following activities:

1) Restore the enjoyment of basic human rights - food, clothing, shelter and education to the Tsunami victims - and help restore dignity to the affected families and children.

11) Help victims to commence their livelihoods by providing assistance to repair fishing boats, obtain fishing gear & other necessities.

111) Assist women in self-employment - i.e.1000 women fish vendors need help to re-commence their enterprises. 200 of them will be selected by SWO for this project. (Only a part of these individuals will be helped by I-FREED funds. See budget for details).

1V) Please note that even though SWO have identified the above needs, other urgent need as well as psychological needs are expected to emerge in time to come. These will be monitored closely and help will be given as needed. Flexibility in this respect is requested from donor organizations.

V) Infants, children and the elderly require special care especially by our women volunteer workers. At present 10 grandmothers are charged with the care of orphaned grandchildren who continue to cry, wanting back their parents. Several elders are sick and depressed. Assistance will be provided to these individuals and families as needed with the funds provided.

Location and Villages identified :

The villages we have identified for this project are in Trincomalee. (Some of the affected individuals and families have left the welfare camps for want of privacy)

In Mihindupura and surrounding area - 199 families

In Mahamayapura and surrounding areas – 292 families

In TTA Harbor areas – 367 families

In Sandy Bay & surrounding areas – 224 families

Total families identified 1083. However, the budget submitted to I-FREED (for the first phase) is for the rehabilitation of 82 such families. Majority of these families are with children.

BUDGET FOR ACTIVITIES. 1ST PHASE

90% of activities of the SWO are by its members on a voluntary basis.

Note:

- 1) Activities in this project will be limited to Trincomalee Tsunami victims. As per our assessment, in the South (Galle, Matara, and Habantota) the victims have received adequate attention.
- 2) Please also note that care of women, children, infants and the elderly require special attention and these services will be provided to these groups as needed.
- 3) This project is directed at 82 families (part of the total number of individuals identified). They will be provided support in the form of assistance to move out of camps and provide a secure living environment.
- 4) Assistance (financially, advice, support and direction) will be given to empower this affected community regain their livelihood so that they can provide basics needs to their children. This has been identified as a key need in assisting children as well as helping the family in their healing.
- 5) All of these identified families will be supported by I-FREED funds.

MARCH - AUGUST 2005 – Phase 1

This part of the budget is set out for the first 6 months, (March - August 2005). This will be the 1st stage of Project.

<u>Restoring livelihoods/employment</u>	<u>Number of Of individuals</u>	<u>Amount SrL. Rs.</u>	<u>Total SrL. Rs.</u>
Repair of fishing boats and gear	20 families	20,000 per boat/nets per family	400,000
Credit for re- building Tsunami Affected small enterprises (self employment) *	40 families (mostly women who are bread win- ners for the family)	10,000 as credit to re- start enter- prises	400,000
Repair or building of small houses (500 – 600 sq.feet, outside the 100 meter sea coast zone) **	22 families	75,000 per house	1,650,000
Miscellaneous expenses (providing Immediate supplies, cooking utensils. Urgent amenities etc. till families Rebuild their lives)	All families of this project		50,000

Total funds requested: SrL. Rs: 2,500,000

Please note that most of the above mentioned families/ individuals are with children, have lost children to the Tsunami, or are caring for children affected by loss of one or both parents. Detailed profiles of these individuals/ families will be provided to the donor organizations.

- ***Note:** Even though this credit will be given as financial assistance, our members will closely monitor activities and play a role in assisting these individuals to help themselves by empowering them to rebuild their businesses. Knowledge and assistance in this worthy task will be provided by SWO volunteer members over the 6 month period. This will strengthen the family structure and help provide the affected children and adults their basic needs. This immediate assistance will lead to empowerment, help healing and provide long term relief.
- **These funds are to repair and rebuild partially damaged houses identified. This SWO supervised building project will provide immediate assistance in getting these families out of camps in to small and secure rebuilt/repared areas of their own home, (1**

room) from which they can continue to extend and build their house. This would give them a small but private and secure living area to start with in their own land. The affected people themselves with the help of the SWO will rebuild their houses to eventually have a 500 – 600 sq. ft. house in their own land.

August – December 2005 – Phase 2:

Cost of school supplies and other requirements for children will be assessed and a further budget will be supplied to donor organizations.

Responsibilities of SWO to I-FREED

- 1) Provided receipts for all funds
- 2) A full audit report for the entire amount will be submitted in August
- 3) Pictures and brief interim reports will be provided to the donor organization- IFREED. (Frequency of these reports as per I-FREED request.)
- 4) Donor organization is welcome to visit
- 5) At the end of the six months viz. end of Augusts 2005 all mentioned activities will be implemented.

Organizational Profile:

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Sri Lanka State Registration: Social Services Department No.11/4/1/1972/89
Regd. No. 0022 - 28/3/1994

Financial Management: All monies should be credited to
SAMPATH BANK A/c No. 000 360 001 792
Stanley Tillekaratne Mawatha,
Nugegoda, Sri Lanka
Bank International code: IBAN

SWO auditors : Kulatunga & Co. (A State registered Audit
Institutions)

The SWO has managed prior projects with responsibility, frugality and transparency. Donor organizations will be provided with complete audited accounts.

Background and Tract record of organization:

1. The Singhala Women's Organization for the Advancement and Welfare of Women was set up to promote the advancement & welfare of Women, children and families.
2. Established in 1985 to serve at grassroots level as well as at a national level.
3. Current organization tract record spans over the last 20 years.
4. Service outreach over 11 Districts. (9 of these districts are affected today by the Tsunami).
5. Experience in rehabilitation and welfare services in the North and East since 1987. Pioneered Vocational Training Projects in Carpentry, Masonry & house construction in these areas. The organization has the resources and facilities and is fully equipped as Training Institute.
5. SWO has received from the Sri Lanka Women's Conference (SLWC) an "Award of Honor for services to displaced communities affected by the conflict in the North and East" (1997). SLWC is a 64 member national federation of women's organizations. SWO experience in crisis intervention and disaster management is extensive.
6. Implemented WHO and World Bank Projects for several million of rupees with responsibility and transparency.
 - a) WHO project (1997-99) – "Community Health & Prevention of HIV/STD/AIDS". Cost of project SL Rupees 2 million. Received commendation from WHO for outstanding video on the subject and from government of Sri Lanka for effective project management.
 - b) World Bank project (1994-95) – "Janasaviya – poverty alleviation program" implemented by NGOs selected by the government of Sri Lanka. Cost of project SL Rupees 2.3 million. To rehabilitate migrant women returnees from the Middle East. Commendation for achieving all objectives of the project.
 - c) Sri Lanka – Canadian Development Fund (1990-96) – two phase project. Cost of project SL Rupees 5 million. Welfare, rehabilitation and reconstruction of families affected by the North East conflict. Pioneer project for women to build houses destroyed by the conflict. Vocational training for women in the villages.
7. Transparency and integrity of members of SWO is in high repute. We are committed to providing nothing but the best in services.

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