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Assistance to war affected people in Trincomalee District

People, who were displaced by the war in 2006 in Sampoor, Trincomalee, have not been resettled in their villages yet and are still living in refugee camps in Sampoor. Some photos showing their living conditions are given below.



Living Conditions in Sampoor Refugee Camps

Primary Schools in need of Assistance in Sampoor

Two primary schools are functioning in one premises as shown in the photos below. Two displaced schools namely Sampoor Maha Vidyalayam and Sampoor Sri Murugan Vidyalayam are temporarily functioning at the Hostel of Seniyur Central College. These schools are functioning without basic facilities, such as decent desks, chairs, teaching aids, laboratory and library facilities. All the students of these schools are coming from the refugee camps around Seniyur.

Currently, the schools are using furniture including damaged ones, which were borrowed from other schools since the reopening of these schools in June 2010. As can be seen from the photos below, furniture used for the pre-school children are being used for secondary school students. This is not very safe for older students as it would cause pain in their knee joints and would provide uncomfortable environment for them to learn.

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Learning conditions at Sampoor Maha Vidyalayam and Sri Murugan Vidyalayam functioning in one premises

The principals of these schools informed our Sri Lankan coordinator that as these schools are housed in a temporary shelter, there is no need to spend money on infrastructure. However, they desperately need assistance to purchase furniture, which would provide acceptable and safe environment for the children to learn. The furniture can also be taken to their permanent residence if and when they get

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them. Assist RR believe that these school children deserve better and it should assist these schools to have furniture and other essential equipment.



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Rebuilding and renovating Koonithivu School buildings in Sampoor

This school is located in Koonithivu, Sampoor, where people are still living in refugee camps. However, this school is allowed to have a permanent place but is lacking space and conducting classes where ever they can, as can be seen in the photos below. When Assist RR's Sri Lankan coordinator visited this school, the principal made a request for constructing a building to have a few classrooms. Assist RR believes that there is a need for a building as the children are learning under very difficult conditions. The education department has given them permission to raise funds from external sources and to build these classrooms. The cost is not huge either, as it would cost only Rs 1.7 Million for the requested size of 60' long structure.

The school also has some damaged buildings which could be repaired. Assist RR is currently working on the feasibility and cost of repair well and hope that Diaspora Tamils would help this school to have a permanent structure where the children would learn in a safe environment.



Classrooms are being conducted where ever they can

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Furniture Donation to a Pre-school in Sampoor, Trincomalee

Pre-schools are also functioning in temporary shelters in Sampoor. Two displaced pre-schools in Sampoor are functioning as one in the Hostel of Seniyur Central College. Around 39 children attend this pre-school under extremely difficult conditions. All children, who attend this school, come from the refugee camps in Sampoor.

It can be seen from the photos that the floor of the building is damaged and the building is in very bad state with many war scars. There were no tables in the school and there were only a small number of chairs for the children as is evident from the photos below. Assist RR was requested by the school to provide furniture to the school so that the children would be able to learn in an acceptable and safe environment. Assist RR agreed to this request and donated enough tables and chairs to this school on 18 March 2014. We attach some photos of the handing over ceremony, which was facilitated by Inner Wheel Club of Trincomalee. This project was implemented by Rotary Club of Kalmunai.



Current Conditions of the pre-school



Furniture donation to the pre-school in Sampoor on 18 March 2014

Bicycles Donation in Trincomalee

Assist RR are glad to inform that we have donated five bicycles to needy GCE O/L & A/L students in Nilaveli, Saambalthivu and Maankaiotru in Trincomalee district on 18 March 2014. These students have been walking and struggling to commute to their schools in Trincomalee from their villages without bicycles. We attach some photos of the handing over ceremony, which was facilitated by Inner Wheel Club of Trincomalee.

This project was also implemented by Rotary Club of Kalmunai. Funds to purchase three bicycles were donated by an anonymous donor from Hong Kong and the other two bicycles were donated by Rotary Club of Edgbaston, UK. On behalf of these students, Assist RR would like to thank both donors for their generous support to the needy students in the East and North of Sri Lanka.

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Bicycles donation on 18 March 2014 in Trincomalee