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One year after the devastating Boxing Day 2004 tsunami in South Asia, The Salvation Army in Australia reports on the progress of rehabilitation programs to date...



ABOVE, L TO R "THANKS TO THE SALVATION ARMY I AM ABLE TO START MY NEW LIFE WITH HOPE," SAID VIJAYAN, A FISHERMAN FROM KANYAKUMARI WHOSE MOTOR BOAT AND FISHING EQUIPMENT WERE DRAGGED INTO THE OCEAN BY THE TSUNAMI. VIJAYAN WAS ABLE TO RESUME FISHING – AND PROVIDING FOR HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN – IN APRIL 2005 THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF A SALVATION ARMY ENGINE REPAIRING SCHEME LIKE THIS ONE AND THE PROVISION OF WOOD TO MAKE A NEW BOAT; A NEW FIBRE-GLASS BOAT IS READY TO BE LAUNCHED.

Australians generously donated \$6.44 million towards The Salvation Army's South Asia Disaster Relief Appeal and 80% of these funds has already been distributed to tsunami-affected areas in Southern India.

The three projects in India being supported by Australians have made excellent progress, with one three-year project being 50% complete.

In addition to its involvement in the massive relief effort immediately following the Boxing Day tsunami, The Salvation Army internationally has been involved in 23 ongoing reconstruction projects in the region.

Funds donated within Australia have supported three main projects in Southern India at Kanyakumari and Kadiyapatinam (Tamil Nadu), Kerala (Karunagapally), and at Nagapattinam, Cuddalore and Pondicherry.

In addition to the provision of initial material aid and relief, all three projects have similar aims to provide ongoing

rehabilitation of housing needs and to help restore the livelihoods of local people, mostly fishermen.

The Salvation Army is committed to ensuring effective community consultation and assessment of environmental impact in all its development projects. Sustainability of the projects is also a key consideration in ensuring communities do not become dependent upon material aid and relief.

Kanyakumari & Kadiyapatinam, Tamil Nadu

This \$4 million, three-year project is already 50% complete, ahead of schedule. Progress includes:

- 2195 families – food rations
- 36005 patients – medical aid
- 905 children – school uniforms and equipment
- 29 of 105 houses constructed*
- 308 houses repaired
- 14 of 25 bore holes installed
- 241 of 369 catamarans supplied

- 25 of 90 vallum boats replaced
- 99 of 225 boats repaired**
- 551 of 851 fishing nets supplied**
- 25 of 138 engines replaced
- 201 of 215 outboard engines repaired
- 75 of 210 sets of fishing equipment provided
- 36 of 36 new temporary shelters built
- 3 of 3 nutrition centres built
- 2 of 2 kitchens for government shelters
- 14 of 14 bathroom/toilets for government shelters
- Sewing classes for 46 students
- Office management training for 25 students
- The emotional healing takes longer and 744 counselling sessions have been provided along with counselling training for 276 persons. ○

*DELAYS EXPERIENCED IN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF HOUSING SITES

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TEARFUND, UK.



LEFT, L TO R HELPING VILLAGERS RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL LIVES; PREPARING NETS.

A new home for Silvester's family

Silvester is an energetic and hard-working 50-year-old fisherman who lives with his wife and their four children in the village of Kadiyapattinam in South Eastern India. One son helps with the fishing, one daughter is a nurse and the other son and daughter are students.

They had to run for their lives when the tidal wave approached, and although they escaped, their house was almost completely destroyed. This left them deeply depressed due to their sudden dependency on other people. The Salvation Army provided counselling along with repair work on their home. Within a month the home had a new

roof, doors, windows and flooring. Silvester and his family now look at life through the eyes of people who lost everything they valued but discovered what the truly valuable things of life are. They are making a fresh start and are full of hope for the future.

Kerala, Karunagapally

This \$3.2 million project is making good progress, although land acquisition through the local government has been very slow.

- 2500 families assisted with clothing and food
- 18 of 120 houses rebuilt
- 60 of 60 houses renovated
- 20 of 20 houses minor repairs
- 300 families received household items
- 11 of 50 boats built
- 11 of 40 engines provided
- 11 of 50 nets made and distributed
- 25 Self Help Groups have been assisted with business loans and have resumed income generating activities such as fish marketing, coir making and tailoring.

Naggapattinam, Cuddalore, Pondicherry


This \$1.3 million project was commenced in October 2005 at the request of the district administration after seeing the work of The Salvation Army elsewhere. This was one of the coastal regions of India most severely damaged by the tsunami. The project has made progress in networking, planning and organisation of the project sites. Plans include:

- 150 houses to be constructed by March 2006
- 150 families to be provided with household items
- 360 fishing boats and equipment to be distributed by December 2005
- 55 boat repairs by December 2005
- Provision of bore wells for the families
- Provision of counselling for families

For more information about the three projects supported by The Salvation Army in Australia, and other projects supported internationally, visit www.salvos.org.au/tsunami 
REPORTS CURRENT AT NOVEMBER 2005

Mariappan resumes his livelihood with a broken heart

Mariappan lives in Chandrapadi in Nagapattinam, and the tidal wave swept away not only his possessions but also his wife, Aswathi. Mariappan was left heartbroken and in deep distress, facing the task of caring for his three children alone.

The Salvation Army was able to offer immediate help, providing food, clothing, household equipment and shelter as well as a motor-powered fishing boat and the nets and equipment he needed to resume his livelihood as a fisherman. Mariappan has returned to work and is successfully bringing up his children – but the emotional healing will take much longer. 



The Salvation Army committed that donations received within Australia would be sent directly to the region without any expenses being deducted in Australia. The Salvation Army can confirm that this has occurred as promised.