

Educational measures for tsunami-hit kids

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Two NGOs - Bhoomika Trust and Don Bosco Anbu Illam - signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Thursday to work for the betterment of tsunami-affected children aged between 10 and 16 years.

Executive director of the Trust D Barath and Father Alfonse of Don Bosco signed the MoU.

According to the agreement, the children, studying in Classes VI to XII, will be provided with uniforms, books and educational materials with an outlay of Rs 5 lakh in the first year.

Raju Rajagopal of Bhoomika Trust said the project aimed at catering to around 100 students who have been living in the temporary shelters for the tsunami affected at Kannagi Nagar, Thuraiyakkam.

Barath said the number of

school drop-outs in this camp was high and presently only 10 out of 700 children were going to school.

"The one-year project will be extended depending on its success," he said, adding that the project will also teach the children aspects of life-coping skills, conflict management, overcoming traumatic experiences and personality development among others, besides providing education.