

**A Proposal from the Unorganized Workers Federation, Chennai
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To

Bhoomika Trust
Chennai - 86

Dear friends,

Following is the development on the livelihood issues and assistance needed. There is a great deal of interest and even desperation in the fishing and other communities affected by Tsunami, in livelihood restoration and training.

1. For Tailoring Training Centres Sri Maithreyan contacted us and we met Sumitra (The School) Sri Maithreyan, Dr.Sunita and Ms. Muthiah, yesterday. They have promised to give 60 tailoring machines, which could be initially used in 12 centres and later, machines could be added:

List of Places

Nagapattinam District - 1. Ariyanadu street temporary shed, 2. Nagathope temporary shed

Cuddalore District - 1. Killai, 2. MGR Nagar Irular Colony, 3. Thamanampettai

Chennai District - 1. Kasimedu, 2. Foreshore Estate (Srinivasapuram), 3. Besant Nagar, 4. Thiruvanmiyurkuppam

Tiruvallur District - 1. Tiruvotriyur, 2. Ennorekuppams, 3. Pazhaverkadu

For infrastructure, The School is willing to give 1-1.5 lakhs, which will be spent for shed, stools, cutting table, scissors & tools, mats, notebooks, pencils, amounting to Rs.6,145/- per centre (5 stools - Rs.625/-, 1 cutting table - Rs.2500/-, Scissors and tools - Rs.2500/-, 4 mats - Rs 120/-, Notebooks, scale and pencils - Rs.400/-).

The people are trying to get sheds free and some repairs, wiring, light & fan needs have to be met. May be in one or two areas, sheds have to be put up.

The training would take off if Bhoomika could contribute towards the recurring expenses - Salaries and Materials, supervision etc. roughly Rs.6,000/- for each centre.

2. Fish net making:

Fish nets will be made using nylon wire and accessories, by women and youth. It is a labour intensive method, and Rs.500/- worth of materials will be required for each day for 5 workers, so Rs.50,000/- worth of materials is required for collective work by 50 persons for 10 days. The wages would be Rs.60 per day per worker, and for 10 days for 50 workers, would amount to Rs.30,000/- and for supervision and incidentals Rs.2000/-. The production would be approximately 400kgs of fish nets.

This work would be carried out at :

Tiruvallur District - 1. Pazhaverkadu 2. Ennorekuppams, 3. Tiruvotriyur

Chennai District - 1. Kasimedu, 2. Foreshore Estate (Srinivasapuram), 3. Besant Nagar, 4. Thiruvanmiyurkuppam, 5. Bhavanikuppam.

Cuddalore District - 1. Killai, 2. Chinnavaikal, 3. Pillaimedu 4. MGR Nagar Irular Colony, 5. Thamanampettai

Nagapattinam District - 1. Ariyanadu street temporary shed, 2. Akkaraipettai temporary shed 3. Nambiyar Nagar Temporary shed.

3. Livelihood assistance requirements are listed in the enclosed schedule.

LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENT FOR TSUNAMI AFFECTED PEOPLE

No.	Worker Category	Occupation	Requirement
1.	Fish worker	Fishing	Boats & Nets - group of 10
2.	Fish Seller	Vending of prawn, fish, dry fish, segregation	Rs.2000/- vessels and plates
3.	Boatyard Carpenter	Carpentry	Rs.6000/- (Tools including Drilling Machine, 130-Chennai, 50- Nagai)
4.	Net Maker	Net setting	Rs.75 Thousand investment for a group of 50
5.	Fish Transport Worker Tricycle, Motorized Tricycle	Driving of tricycle, motorized tricycle	Tricycle, Motorized Tricycle
6.	Fish processing worker	Fish processing	Small capital Rs.2000/-
7.	Fish basket weavers	Fish basket weaving	Rs.2000/- Small capital
8.	Fish loading and machinery loading workers	Loading, unloading	
9.	Mason, Plumber, Carpenter, Electrician	Masonry, Plumbing, Carpentry, Electrical in construction work	Rs.2000/- tools
10.	Unskilled worker in construction	Construction work	Tools Rs.1000/-, Group of 20 mixture machine worth 50,000
11.	Agricultural workers	Agricultural work	Tools Rs.1000/-,
12.	Tailors	Tailoring work	Tailoring Machine & Tools Rs. 3500/-
13.	Beedi Workers	Beedi work	Rs.3000/- (worth leaf & Tobacco)
14.	Vendors	Vending of Vegetables, fruits	Rs.2000/- (worth Vegetables, fruits & Push carts)
15.	Chappal Makers	Chappal making	Rs.10,000/- (including Leather Tailoring Machine)

Training

1.	Net Making	4.	Construction
2.	Tailoring	5.	Training in Food items
3.	Brick Making	6.	Mangrove Forestry

