

**Rehabilitation of Lives and Livelihoods Impacted by the December 26, 2004
Tsunami in the Coastal Communities of Tamil Nadu, India**

**A Proposal from Bhoomika Trust to Construct Permanent Habitats for
the Affected Families**

March 20, 2005

Project Title: Rehabilitate up to 200 families in a holistically designed habitat, including permanent shelters and other common infrastructure facilities, as well as training in alternative livelihoods.

Aim/Purpose: The Tamilnadu Government Order 26 has outlined a model for public-private partnership, which contemplates the government allocating suitable land for the purpose of resettling affected families, with private organizations financing and undertaking the construction of habitats under a Memorandum Of Understanding with the local collector. The expenditure to resettle 50 families has been estimated at about Rs. 75 lakhs (\$ 172,000/Euros 130,000). Bhoomika proposes to fund and monitor the construction of a suitable habitat for up to 200 families in Nagapattinam District (in Tharangambadi or Chinnangudi village), in partnership with SIFFS (South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies--www.siffs.org), subject to suitable land allocation by the government. While SIFFS will be the lead **Implementation Agency**, organizations such as Auroville Tsunami Relief Center (www.auroville.org) and other shelter, water, and sanitation experts, will be called upon to assist in the project.

Expected Deliverables:

1. 200 homes (25 SqM of living space each) that are earthquake and cyclone resistant, utilizing local material and labor wherever possible.
2. Suitable interior roads, sanitation facilities, and rain water harvesting systems.
3. Water, electrical connections, and street lighting inside the perimeter of the habitat--the government is expected to provide supply connections to the perimeter of the habitat.
4. A Community Center, which will also second as a storm shelter.
5. Pilot projects to start fishing and non-fishing related small businesses within the community, and training in alternative livelihoods in conjunction with other agencies working in the same village.
6. **Not Included:** Schools; boats, nets, and other fishing gear, which are expected to be funded by the government and/or other agencies.

Time Frame/Milestones for Fund Release:

Proposal Acceptance by the government (as submitted by SIFFS or Auroville):

Early March 2005

Land Allocation: Mid April 2005

Construction: Begin by end of April 2005 and complete by December 2005

Funds Disbursement to the implementing agency will, of course, be phased over the period of the project, with the suggested schedule of 60% at the start of construction,

15% upon roofing complete, 15% upon utilities complete, and the last 10% upon hand-over of homes to the beneficiaries.

Project Risk Considerations:

1. Delays in land allotment by the government.
2. Beneficiary community's acceptance of habitat location and design.
3. Coordination with other agencies working in the same village.

Estimated Project Cost: Rs. 3.5 crores/\$ 803,000/Euros 608,000

1. Permanent Shelters: Rs. 75,000/\$ 1,700/Euros 1300 each [x 200 = Rs. 1.5 crores]
2. Infrastructure Costs per home: Rs. 50,000/\$ 1,150/Euros 870 [x 200 = Rs. 1 crore]
3. Community Center: Rs. 25 lakhs/\$57,000/Euros 43,000
4. Alternative Livelihoods Training/Pilot Projects: Rs. 30 lakhs/\$ 69,000/Euros 52,000
5. Project Management/Travel/Other, at 15%: Rs. 45 lakhs/\$ 103,000/Euros 78,000

Funds Requested under this Proposal:

Rs. 3.5 crores/\$ 803,000/Euros 608,000

Recipient of Support, Address, Regn No:

Bhoomika Trust is exempted under US 80G of Income Tax Act, 1961, vide DIT (E) order in approval no. 2(406)/2000-01 dated 13-3-2003 PAN Number AAATB3967D

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Please see our website www.tsunami-india.org for further details on how you can participate in this project.

Contributions within India towards this proposal may be made in the form of rupee cheques favoring:

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Contributions from Abroad towards this proposal may be made in one of two ways:

A. OUR PREFERRED METHOD: Bhoomika is eligible to receive foreign funds under the special FCRA Approval provided for Tsunami relief, via notification by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, reference II/21022/11(19)/2004-FCRA I, dated 30th December, 2004. Bhoomika has already complied with the regulations under the notification. However, **such contributions must be received no later than March 31, 2005**—unless extended by the government—and may have to be spent within a limited period of time (perhaps a year).

Bank Details: For DOLLAR remittances only

Pay To Chase Manhattan Bank
4, Chase Metrotech Centre, Brooklyn, NY 11245, USA
Swift: CHASUS33
For credit to A/c # 0011407376 of UTI Bank, Mumbai
For further credit to Ac number 006010100611060

Beneficiary Name

Bhoomika Trust A/c Tsunami Relief Account
With UTI Bank 82 Dr R K Salai
Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004

Bank Details: For EURO remittances only

Pay To CITIBANK
Nue Mainzer Strasse 75, 60311 Frankfurt
Swift: CITIDEFF
For credit to A/c # 4115661006 of UTI Bank, Mumbai
For further credit to Ac number 006010100611060

Beneficiary Name

Bhoomika Trust A/c Tsunami Relief Account
With UTI Bank 82 Dr R K Salai
Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004

B. Any foreign funds received for this project after March 31, 2005 may also be accepted by Bhoomika after obtaining 'prior permission' from the Home Ministry, Government of India—i.e. *before* the donor wires the funds. However, Bhoomika is expecting to obtain permanent FCRA Registration in the very near future.

C. U.S. residents interested in tax benefits under IRS 501c(3) may make their contributions in the form of dollar cheques or online donations to ICA (www.icaonline.org), which is supporting Bhoomika's rehabilitation efforts. Cheques should be made out to **Indians for Collective Action**, with a note mentioning that it is for the Bhoomika Trust Tsunami Relief/Rehabilitation efforts.