

**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 Create a Long-Term Community
Development and Education Trust Fund**

March 20, 2005

Project Title: Establish a long-term Trust Fund under the control of an eminent citizen's panel to fund long-term developmental and educational needs of coastal communities.

Aim/Purpose: As in other disasters, the desire to help, and the level of resources available, in the early stages often exceed the capacity of the affected communities to effectively absorb resources. The objective of this Trust Fund is to find a mechanism to capture such funds as they are available now and yet to defer their actual deployment in the communities over a longer period of time (3 to 5 years), based on the long-term developmental and educational needs. Bhoomika proposes to take the lead role in establishing and monitoring such a fund, and in soliciting prospective donors from India and overseas to contribute to it.

Appointment of Special Trustees: The plan is to create a separate Trust Fund under the aegis of Bhoomika Trust, with a special panel of trustees appointed to oversee the deployment of funds, consisting of: an executive of Bhoomika Trust; a senior representative from the fishing sector (Mr. V. Vivekanandan, Chief Executive of South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies); a senior NGO leader (Mr. Stan Thekaekara of ACCORD, Nilgiris, or Ms. Sushma Iyengar of Kutch Mahila Vikas Sangatan, Bhuj); a senior corporate donor representative; and two or three eminent citizens--an ex-bureaucrat familiar with developmental issues (such as Mr. B.N. Yugandhar of the Planning Commission), a person known for managing large cooperatives (such as Dr. Amrita Patel of the National Dairy Development Board), and an eminent academic familiar with rural development issues.

Expected Deliverables:

To define, fund, and monitor five major components of coastal development:

1. Research and Development related to the fishing sector
2. Setting up fish marketing cooperatives
3. Training in alternative employable skills
4. Improving the educational standards in schools along the coast
5. Strengthening women's organizations

Time frame/Milestones for Fund Release:

Create necessary legal mechanisms, provide seed funding and name Founding Trustees:
Mar-end, 2005

Appoint other eminent trustees: Mid-Apr, 2005

Invite contributions from select organizations: Starting immediately

Project Risk Considerations:

1. Any government restrictions that might limit the duration of funds deployment.
2. Reluctance of donors to fund long-term funds as opposed to the urge to spend now.

Estimated Project Cost:

The initial target for the fund is Rs. 50 crores (\$ 11.4 mil or Euros 8.7 mil).

Funds Requested:

Resources available to Bhoomika to seed the Trust Fund: Rs. 0.5 crores
Request under this proposal: Any amount starting from Rs. 0.5 crores

Recipient of Support, Address, Regn No:

Bhoomika Trust is exempted under US 80G if 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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Contributions within India towards this proposal may be made in the form of rupee cheques favoring:

Bhoomika Trust, Apt 3A Third Floor, Old No 12, New No 40
Murray's Gate Road, Alwarpet
Chennai – 600 018, Tamil Nadu, India

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

A. OUR PREFERRED METHOD: Potential donor formally intimates Bhoomika of their intent to contribute to this fund. Bhoomika obtains 'prior permission' from the Home Ministry, Government of India, *before* the donor wires the funds. However, such 'prior permission' will not be required once Bhoomika obtains permanent FCRA Registration, which is expected very soon.

B. 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

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.