



Post Tsunami Interventions in India completed in record time

One of the greatest challenges before the ICA Asia Pacific in 2005 was to face the destruction caused by Tsunami in India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka and ameliorate the condition of affected cooperatives by establishing a network with ICA Geneva and generous ICA member organizations desirous of extending interim financial support to the affected cooperatives.

ICA AP in collaboration with the national apex cooperative organizations in India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka carried out in-depth study of the damages caused by tsunami and provided technical support in designing cooperative reconstruction and empowerment projects in India (cooperatives in Cuddalore and Vellupuram districts in Tamil Nadu and Nicobar in Andaman Nicobar Islands with the financial support of Cooperatives UK and National Co-operative Union of India),



Indonesia (cooperatives in NAD Province with the financial assistance of ICA Geneva funds raised by ICA Member Organisations and the Cooperatives UK) and Sri Lanka (cooperatives in Southern Province with the financial support of B'nai Brit World Centre & the American Jewish Committee through NISPED, Israel).



The one year project in India finally started in July 2005 after ascertaining the needs of the target co-operatives in Tamil Nadu and Nicobar Island. The focus was on reconstruction of co-operative physical infrastructure so as to bring back the delivery of normal services of the identified seven co-operatives for their more than 15,000 affected members.

Detail of the interventions is as under:

Tamil Nadu:

6 coops in Cuddalore and Vellupuram Districts, Tamil Nadu

1. Vasanthayarpalayam Primary Agriculture Co-operative Bank (PACB)

**Repair of compound wall and main office building of the PACB
Status – Completed**

Three Fair Price Shops (FPS) – at – Singarathoppu, Akkaraikhori and Sonankuppam colonies in Vasanthayarpalayam village near Cuddalore

Status - Completed

2. Vilvarayanatham PACB

**Compound wall of Thazhankuda FPS
Status – Completed**

**3. Kayalapattu PACB
Compound wall of PACB building
Status - Completed**

4. Cuddalore Cooperative Marketing Society

**Two FPSs at Devanampattinam colony
Status - Completed**

**Additional Storage Godown
Status – Likely to be completed by 31 May 2006 (more than 80% work over)**

5. Chidambaram Marketing Society

**Three FPSs – at – Modasal, T.S.Pettai & Killai Meenavar Angadi
Status - Completed**

6. Marakkanam Salt Workers' Cooperative Society (Vellupuram)

**Motor Shed repair and
Iodine Mixing Unit cum Office**

Status – Likely to be completed by 31 May 2006 (only roof sheets to be fixed)

FUNDS UTILISED – RS 3,030,000 – 69,655 USD

REMAINING COSTS – RS 187,659 – 4314 USD

TOTAL EXPECTED COST –73,969 USD

Coop UK Support – 67,977 USD

NCUI Support – 5992 USD

Nicobar:

**Reconstruction of 500 MT capacity Godown
Status – Completed**





**Purchase of three trucks –
2,691,000 Rs
Status – Delivery to be had by 15
June 2006**

**FUNDS REQUIRED – 3,941,000
Rs – 90,598 USD**

FUNDS RECEIVED

**Coop UK – 62,222 USD (29,012
USD for warehouse and 33210
USD for trucks)**

NCUI – 10,988 USD

**EHL – 17,388 USD (from
Insurance cover)**

ICA AP shall ever remain indebted to the international co-operative fraternity for their act of exemplary solidarity.

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