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Fishing Nets Project for Tsunami Affected Fishermen in the village of Beruwela in the District of Kalutara.

PROJECT DETAILS: To supply 20 sets of fishing nets and accessories to fishermen in the Beruwela area. These fishermen lost their fishing nets in the devastation caused by the Tsunami on the 26th of December 2004.



Beruwela is a popular coastal village on the south western coast of Sri Lanka. It is approximately 2 hours from the City of Colombo.

Primary source of income: Tourism and fishing.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Several fishermen were affected, some losing their nets and boats. The criteria used to select the neediest was based on the number of persons in the family that were direct dependants on this livelihood, including school going children, invalids, and aged parents.

Also the number of persons in the community that were directly or indirectly benefited was taken into consideration. E.g. Fish vendors

BENEFICIARIES: 41 families in the Beruwela area were benefited by this project since a net is shared by two persons.



Stick fishermen are a common sight in this area

PROJECT COST: Each net costs Rs 14,995/- (Exchange rate \$1= Rs 99.00) The total project cost is Rs 299,900

DONORS: Plano Sunrise Rotary Club USA graciously donated US\$ 3000 which covered the total project cost.

PROJECT COMPLETION: This project was completed on the 4th of July 2005.

PHOTOS OF DISTRIBUTION



A SECTION OF THE FISHERMEN GATHERED FOR THE DISTRIBUTION.

THE DISTRIBUTION



WHAT EACH SACK CONTAINS – Nets and accessories





THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN ON THE 7th JULY of one of the beneficiaries preparing to make the nets he was given.

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THANK YOU!