



NGO Information Bulletin

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Due to the number of NGOs present in South India, and the increasing complexity of the post-tsunami humanitarian landscape, ADER and the *Fondation de France* are collaborating to produce a bi-weekly English, French and Tamil NGO Information Bulletin.

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INTRODUCTION

On August 15th, an NGO Information and Documentation Office was opened in Pondicherry. This office, which will be run by ADER, is funded and supported by the *Fondation de France*. Its primary objective is to collect and circulate information relevant to the NGOs funded by the Foundation's tsunami relief fund.

The office is based on a similar office established by the *Fondation de France* and *Planète-Urgence* in Indonesia. A Sri-Lanka branch is currently in the planning phase.

In the immediate future, the Information and Documentation Office will seek to ensure:

- **The widespread circulation of information among participating NGOs**
- **A medium through which to inform others of relevant events and activities**
- **The archiving of important documents for on-the-spot consultation**
- **Tsunami press monitoring (French, local and selected international)**

Other activities listed below, are currently in the planning phase:

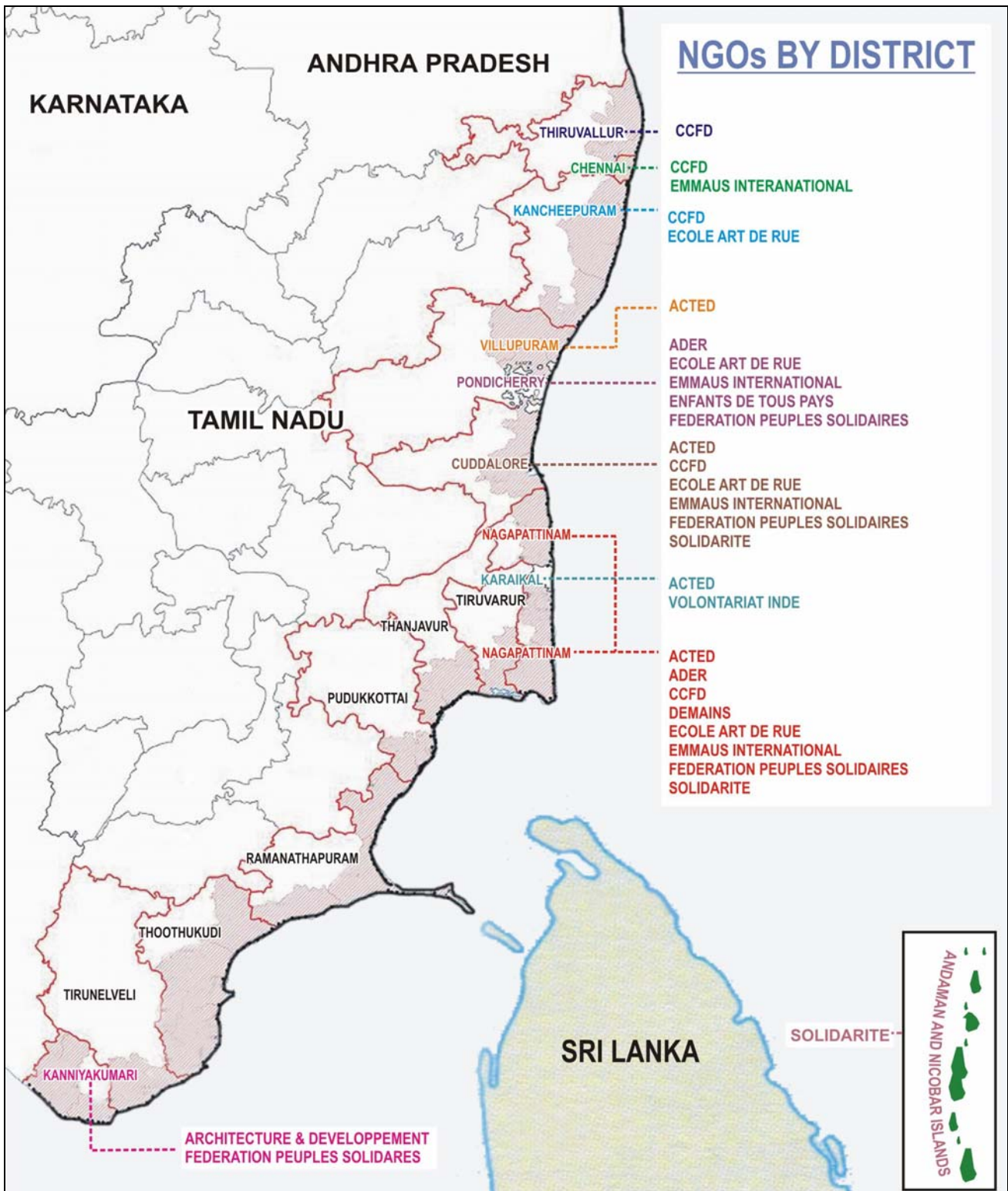
- **Facilitating the exchange of technical information, such as the price of building materials, new soil desalinization techniques...etc.)**
- **Collecting and transmitting information and photographs detailing the status of *Fondation de France* sponsored projects in south India¹**
- **Hosting visiting journalists, photographers, and other tsunami-related visitors in our guesthouse as well as facilitating their visits to the projects**

While the office has ambitious goals, it must be stressed that these results will best be achieved through maximal cooperation and information sharing among all interested parties.

Members of the Office's staff speak English, French and Tamil, and will welcome any information or requests for information in these languages.

¹ The *Fondation de France* follows strict transparency and information sharing policies towards its donors. As such, only non-copyrighted photos can be used for the illustration of this bulletin.

MAP: LOCATION OF *FONDATION DE FRANCE* FUNDED PROJECTS IN SOUTH INDIA



This map is based on data compiled by the *Fondation de France* in July 2005

GENERAL INFORMATION

Government Orders

▶ **Central Government: Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue:**

NOTIFICATION NO 32/2005 - Central Excise, dated August 17, 2005

Cement and steel exempted for construction in tsunami affected areas

The finance ministry has said that excise duty on cement and steel used in the construction of new houses and temporary shelters in tsunami affected areas can be refunded. The refunds will be made only for construction undertaken by NGOs, private voluntary agencies, private-public enterprises, rehabilitation organisations, trusts or any other agency approved by the appropriate state or union territory government.

The refund will be applicable only for construction carried out between April 1 and July 31, 2005. Furthermore, the refund shall not exceed 6% of the cost of construction or 9,000 Rs. per house constructed, whichever is lower. The refund claim for the April-June 2005 period has to be filed by September 30.

Source: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/1203786.cms>

NOTE : this order is available in printed or in electronic form at the information office. Please contact us if you would like a copy.

Tamil Nadu

▶ **Reconstruction**

Tsunami reconstruction project: permanent shelter taking shape:

Funds being no constraint, work appears to be in full swing in most of the tsunami-affected districts to build permanent shelter for those who lost their dwellings in the giant waves that swept the coast last December. Most of the dwelling units may be ready well before the mid-2006 deadline set by the government, going by current indications. Originally, the State Government estimated that anywhere between 1.2 and 1.5 lakh dwelling units need to be built in the 13 affected districts. Now, this has been divided into two phases. In the first phase, about 60,000 permanent shelters are to be built and another 15,000 would be rebuilt in-situ. About half-a-dozen standard designs had been prepared and presented to the Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), which have also come forward to build houses for the affected families. At least one-third of the houses to be built, on an average of Rs. 1.5 lakhs a unit, will come from the NGOs. Each unit would be about 325 sqft. with some minor variations depending on the local exigencies. In the second phase, about 50,000 to 60,000 units will be taken up for construction. These are shelters that were not damaged by the tsunami but fall within 200 m of the high tide line. For their future safety, the occupants of these houses may be persuaded to move to new houses to be built elsewhere. The existing units would then be demolished.

Source: <http://www.hindu.com/2005/08/17/stories/2005081704220400.htm>

Cuddalore District Relief Report

A Cuddalore district interdepartmental report on tsunami relief and rehabilitation is available on their website: <http://www.cuddalore.tn.nic.in/tsunami/Tsunami%20Relief.htm>. The information includes details of the completed work, its value, complimented by pertinent remarks.

▶ **Social Issues**

Hearing on discrimination against Dalits in tsunami camp

A national public hearing on discrimination against Dalits in tsunami relief and rehabilitation was held in Chennai on August 30th. The hearing took place at Good Shepherd Hall in Nungambakkam and provided a platform for Dalits to express their grievances.

The hearing was intended to highlight the failure on the part of civil society organisations and political parties to address issues relating to the rehabilitation of Dalits.

Source: <http://www.hindu.com/2005/08/27/stories/2005082706870400.htm>

Andaman & Nicobar

▶ **Agriculture**

Tsunami hit Andaman introduces buy back scheme for farmers:

The administration of tsunami hit Andaman and Nicobar Islands has introduced a 'Buy Back Scheme' for farmers on its remote islands to provide them with financial support. "We are purchasing seedlings, seednuts, bananas, sucker-pigs and poultry-chicks from farmers and distributing back among them to bring back normalcy in agriculture in these remote islands," said Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration D S Negi.

Source: <http://www.newkerala.com/news.php?action=fullnews&id=16269>

▶ **Environment**

Tsunami Impact: Rehabilitation on Andamans Unsustainable, Activists say

"Rehab work based on mainland development models is unsustainable" according to SANE (Society for Andaman and Nicobar's Ecology). A countrywide network of concerned scientists, authors and civil-society groups have now written to Sonia Gandhi requesting the implementation of a development plan set out as early as in 1987. The letter says the administration's failure in implementing ecological development has resulted in severe water scarcity, soil erosion, destruction of corals, silt runoff from denuded hillsides, and poaching and encroachment in the remaining pristine forest of the Jarawa Reserve. According to signatories to the letter, "To make matters worse, the administration has used the tsunami as an excuse to unleash the most extraordinarily ill-conceived projects on the Andaman Islands, such as construction of mud walls to keep off tsunamis". The administration's latest rehabilitation policy, coupling the city of Port Blair with the Thai counterpart of Phuket, through an agreement to promote tourism has caused further apprehension regarding the islands capacity to handle a tourist influx. The full report is available at:

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=29847>

▶ **Tourism**

Tsunami-hit Andamans to open more isles:

"A proposal for opening new islands is in a very advanced stage, and we are expecting permission [from New Delhi] very soon," said D S Negi, the chief secretary of the federally-administered Andamans. Negi said his administration has identified 10 uninhabited islets near Havelock - itself a haven for scuba diving and snorkelling - but declined to name them, saying he feared opposition from local environmentalists. Environmental lobbies "will raise objections," he said.

Source: <http://www.thestandard.com.hk/stdn/std/World/GH18Wd06.html>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Organiser	Date/ Time	Place
Hearing on discrimination against Dalits in tsunami relief and rehabilitation	"National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights" J. Kumar 10 arunacalapuram main road, adyar, Chennai Tel: +91 044 244 65 467	30-08-05 at 9:00 AM	Good Shepherd Hall, 82 Kodambakam High Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai
Themed NGO coordination meeting: <i>Women and the Elderly</i>	Tamil Nadu Tsunami Resource Centre Anuradha Vidyasankar anuradha.vidyasankar@undp.org	31-08-05 at 9:30 AM	TNTRC No.5, Old No. 2, Sivaganga Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai, 600 034
Seminar: <i>Appropriate Building Material and Technology in Tsunami Reconstruction</i>	Government of Tamil Nadu Mr M. Sayed Mohammed Abuthalib, Executive Engineer, (Relief & Rehabilitation) Email : relief@tn.nic.in Tel. – 98405 68110 (M)	06-09-05 at 9:00 AM	Comfort Inn Marina Towers, 2A Parriamman Koil Street, Egmore, Chennai, 600 008
Madurai Symposium: <i>Advancing Development</i>	DHAN Foundation 18, Pillaiyar Koil Street, S.S.Colony, Madurai 625 010 dhan@md3.vsnl.net.in	From 26-09-05 to 29-09-05	Madurai; Exact location to be confirmed

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Note: this is a partial list only; a complete list of Indian partners will be published shortly.

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