



Association of War Affected Women

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AWAW's mission: To achieve Peace through Socio-Economic development with the active participation of the War Affected Women

Ongoing programs:

- ◆ "Taking 1325 to the Village" workshops in all 25 districts making the women of grassroots and urban level aware of the UN resolution 1325 on Women , Peace and Security so that they could secure their due places at all levels of decision making.
- ◆ "Getting women to the peace table" a collective effort of Women's Alliance for Peace
- ◆ "Kathunata Diriyak" Strengthening local level women's organizations through out the country in order to facilitate their maximum contribution to the development and peace in Sri Lanka,

Response to the December 26, 2004 Tsunami

"Peace building through Tsunami reconstruction"

- ◆ AWAW responded to the tsunami disaster in two general ways; one through lobbying and advocacy to have women's voices heard in the entire rebuilding process, , the other through reconstruction of lives and livelihoods..

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Initiatives.

- ◆ Rebuilding the fishing village of Kokkilai. Kokkilai is a small fishing village that has been of strategic importance in the civil war. Thus the goal of AWAW's endeavors here is to assist in creating a village where all peoples could live together in peace, while taking into account the needs of women in the community. The women had identified a safe and adequate water supply and a space for a health clinic as priorities, so AWAW has undertaken to construct a community center (that will house the clinic) and a water supply project. On 7th July 2005 the Kokkilai community center and clinic was declared open and the women were provided with a craft center. Water project is in progress at the moment.



Kokkilai community center was declared open on the 7th July 2005

- ◆ AWAW has begun the planning phase of a new initiative to construct women's vocational training centers within each of the eight tsunami affected districts. AWAW currently has funding for two centers, the land for the Batti center is identified and demarcated, the construction will commence in September 2005



Sewing machines were handed over to the women of Kokkilai for their craft center

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AWAW wish to thank all who donated generously towards Tsunami reconstruction

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