

Third meeting of the National Tsunami Community Federation.

Sri Lanka

Moratuwa Community Federation representatives explained on the 19th June 2005 at 10.00 p.m., that the permanent housing programme was started from Moratuwa, on the decision taken by the National Tsunami Community Federation. Accordingly they have started the construction of permanent houses in order to ensure the ownership of the lands of the Tsunami devastated community. First they have started the construction of Mr. Harrald's house at Moratuwa. His house was within the hundred-meter boundary. Government has banned the construction of houses within the hundred-meter boundary but the construction of houses within the boundary was started to ensure the housing ownership of the community. Accordingly federation has violated the banned enforced by the government.

These houses will be constructed on a concrete slab rested on circle shaped concrete pillars. Even if another Tsunami occurred the floodwater will creep through the pillars not damaging the houses. Further more the ground floor will be very use full to carry out Mr. Harreld's income generating enterprises. That is cushion work and sawing of door curtains.

On this experience Galle district representatives explained that communities of districts such as Galle district are expecting the support of the women development bank federation to construct permanent houses.

Permanent houses for the owners of 50 temporary houses constructed by the Women Development Bank Federation.

The facts explained by the representatives of 50 temporary houses constructed by the Women Development Bank Federation at Moratuwa, Jayagathpura were related to obtaining the permanent houses for them.

In this connection it was revealed that those who came to live in these houses were the people who had been living in the coastal belt illegally. So that they request to make arrangements to get a land from the government to construct their permanent houses. So they have decided to request lands to construct these 50 houses from the Goodwill estate and cooperative land, which are to be acquired by the government for the purpose.

Further more the federation has taken a decision to request lands for living in the costal belt illegally who are in the Molpe Refugee Camp because they are also representing the Tsunami Community Federation.

Women Development Bank Federation has gained a great recognition and a reputation through the construction of Moratuwa 50 temporary houses successfully.

Because of this achievement they could collect all the data and information of the low-income settlements in the whole Moratua town area by the community itself engaged in doing the surveys and documentation. On this situation Mrs. Murine Fenando expressed that they have gained a great opportunity to launch a holistic development programme for the whole Moratuwa area.

Tsunami Fund.

Representatives of relevant areas explained their experiences regarding the Tsunami fund. They said that they have been waiting so far for some one to come and give them money to relive and uplift them, but only now we as a settlement we could obtained funds from this Tsunami funds and solve our problems.

Some of the Tsunami affected people did not get due assistants from anywhere. So that the grieved persons fell in to more sufferings.

This fund would not allow to occur such things. We manage the fund very well and we know who are to be supported and who need the support. So it is the fund supporting the deprived and devastated people.

We must exert ourselves to get funds from the government to improve this fund. Then we can show the government that the strength of the community. We must also thank Janarukula / Women Development Bank Federation for helping us to establish this useful fund.

Functions of Tsunami Fund during the months of May 2005.

No	Subject	Persons	Sum of money released Sri Lankan Rs.
1.	Grocery / Sales.	05	28 000.00
2.	Food sales/ Breakfast lunch etc.	07	24 400.00
3.	Fish stalls.	05	11 500.00
4.	Coir industries / strings.	05	19 000.00
5.	Garments / sawing.	02	4 500.00
6.	Firewood sales.	02	6 000.00
7.	Fruit sales.	05	14 000.00
	Total	31	10 7400.00

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