



*‘Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present’*

*- Albert Camus*



*Prayas came into existence in the year 1988 in response to a crisis affecting children in one of the biggest slum clusters of Jahangirpuri, Delhi. Since then the organization has endeavored towards the welfare & development of such marginalized children by catering to their very basic needs with a missionary zeal.*

*Currently it is working in the states of Bihar, Gujarat, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and NCT of Delhi and now also in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, catering to more than 50,000 children. Dweep Prayas (The Andaman & Nicobar Branch) started functioning from 7th January'05.*

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## *Message of Member Executive:*

It is a pleasure to share the growth of “Dweep Prayas” after the completion of one and a half year of eventful work in these Islands. Prayas is a voluntary development organisation working to help the vulnerable groups of society. The very name of our organisation represents the spirit behind it’s formation, it’s purpose and it’s activities.

Prayas Andaman was established in January 2005 soon after the calamity which affected these Islands on 26 December 2004. The initial aim of Prayas was to meet needs and tackle the immediate problems, which arose because of the disaster It included immediate relief and trauma counselling to the affected people in shelter homes. We also provided supplementary education to those children who could not attend school because of dislocation caused by Tsunami. Our Childline service (1098) was immediately made operational with an aim to reach out to the disaster struck children.

After the initial need of immediate support was fulfilled, Prayas endeavoured to enter into long term goals. Now we intend to implement programmes related to the mitigation of crisis faced by women and their families, particularly in helping them to come out of trauma and to restore their livelihood. We aim to provide the children with basic needs like recreational facilities, educational assistance, nutrition and uniform. Along with the support of Education Department, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, we have also initiated construction of community centers.

We made a humble but firm beginning and we are committed to reach every needy child of these Islands. We would request NGOs and individuals to join us and to help us make these Islands a better place for children.

**Nandini Sahay**  
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Prayas  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands



## Section 1

# 'CHILDLINE' Prayas Child Helpline Service

A Ministry of Women & Child Welfare ,  
Government of IndiaProject

*'Just an aid.....  
..... A life made'*

A national, 24 - hour emergency service, CHILDLINE is a free phone helpline for children in need of care and protection. The CHILDLINE number 1098 is a toll free number that is common in all the cities of India. Initially started in Mumbai in June 1996, CHILDLINE is currently operational in 66 cities. From 7th January 2005, its branch has been operational in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. CHILDLINE aims to reach out to the most marginalized children between the age group of 0-18 years, and provides interventions of shelter, medical, repatriation, rescue, death related, sponsorships and emotional support and guidance.

### **Aims & Objectives of CHILDLINE:**

- To reach out to every child in need of care & protection by responding to emergencies on 1098
- To ensure access of technology to the most marginalized in urban as well as rural areas & connectivity of 1098 to Government telephone exchanges as well as private exchanges
- To work together with the Allied Systems to create a child friendly system.
- To advocate for services for children that are inaccessible, non existent or inadequate.
- To strive for excellence in quality service to children in need of special care & protection and to ensure the interests of the child.
- To provide a platform of networking amongst organizations and to provide linkages to support systems which facilitate the rehabilitation of children in need of care & protection.
- To create a family of NGOs & GO working within the framework of a national vision & policy for children.
- To learn from the experiences of 'Childline' & the data generated & jointly determine strategies to reach out more effectively to children.

## Launching Prayas Child Helpline Service:

Child helpline (Toll Free Telephone number: 1098, supported by Childline India Foundation (CIF)/ Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (GOI), was set up in the Directorate of Social welfare at Goalghar, Port Blair by Prayas J.A.C. Society. This 24 X 7 emergency outreach service which can be accessed by children ,disaster victims, others & in particular children in need of care and protection is now being run in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and supported by other Departments/Agencies of the Andaman & Nicobar Government, besides some voluntary organizations like the Church of North India (CNI).



While as an evolving measure, the orphaned & other children in urgent need of care & protection may be placed in the Govt. & Private shelter homes with requisite facilities & programmes, Childline will essentially promote & create community based services to facilitate socio-economic and emotional rehabilitation of the victims. Prayas, having had vast experience in multiple projects relating to child protection & shelter, education & vocational training, health & counseling and the experience of relief and rehabilitation work after the Gujarat earthquake, is replicating its successes through a comprehensive programme. The project is supplemented by various other activities of Prayas in the operational areas of PortBlair, Little Andaman and Great Nicobar for the best benefits of the children. The synergy created by these combined efforts has helped Prayas achieve significant and highly beneficial results.

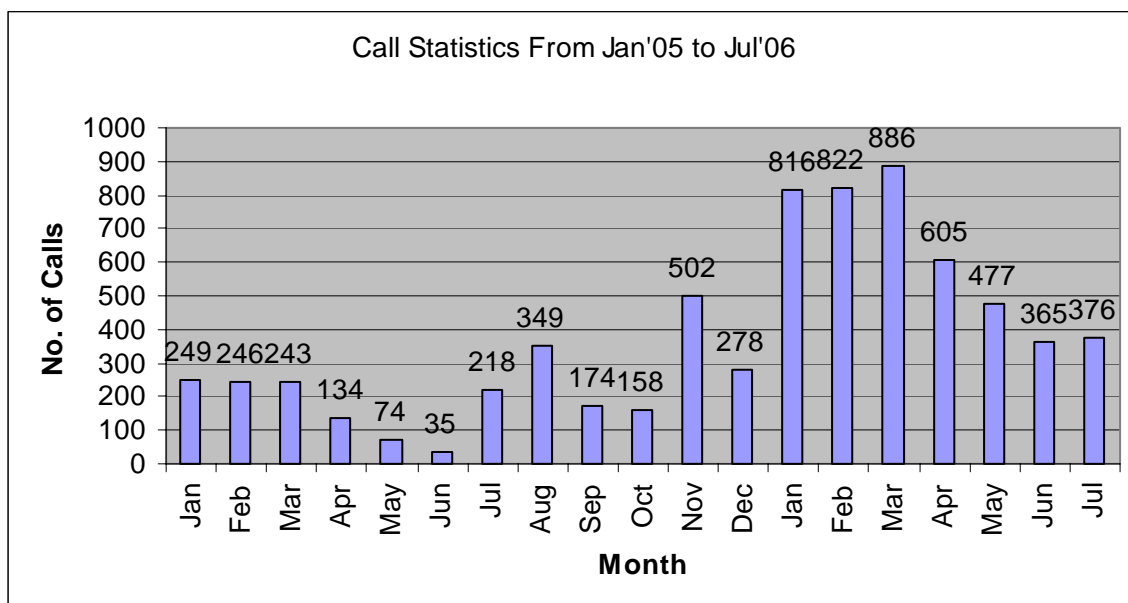


Chart 1: Call Statistics From Jan'05 to Jul'06



## *Activities of CHILDLINE:*

The most significant activities of Prayas Childline as per the needs and requirements unique to Andaman and Nicobar Islands are :

### ***1. EDUCATIONAL HELP:***

Through referral to its various other projects, Childline facilitates the provision of Alternative Education, Educational material, Rejoining School dropouts and other such help to children in need. The educational help is provided to:

- Marginalized/neglected children who do not attend school
- Tsunami affected children who are living in shelter camps and
- Drop-outs to continue education by Open School System(if available) and also needy children.

**Note:** Childline is not for providing notebooks & registers. We network with Schools and other concerned authorities to do the best for the child.



*Extending A Helping Hand*



*Medical Check up of a Girl*

### ***2. MEDICAL HELP:***

Childline basically a referral, link and network NGOs / GOs and corporate for marginalized children and for children in need of care & protection.

- Childline usually does not provide monetary help for medical treatment but facilitates with other NGOs/GOs/Corporate, for the same.
- Helps marginalised children who do not have anyone to take care
- Conducts Health Awareness and medical Camps

### ***3. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT & GUIDANCE:***

For children in difficult situations such as abuse, children working as laborers, psychologically disturbed children etc. Childline supports not only through phone but in difficult cases by referring to counselors/NGOs etc.



*Giving a Piece of Advice*

#### 4. MISSING CHILDREN:

- Childline networks with Local Police Stations and other networks to do the best to find the whereabouts of any missing child.
- Childline team due to its presence, team strength and activities like outreach directly tries to locate the missing children



*Working with Child Labour*

#### 5. CHILD LABOUR / ABUSE:

- Try to bring the children out of labour in case of forced labour or if the child is working under difficult situation or being abused.
- Network with local police stations to rescue the child out of the situation and provide appropriate Rehabilitation and counselling through referral.

*CHILDLINE reaches out to meet the needs of the marginalized children:*

- *who dial 1098*
- *through outreach programmes*
- *children who come in contact with Childline team at the call centre*
- *through referral by concerned adults*

Additionally it focuses on creating awareness about 1098 amongst the marginalized and underprivileged group of children in the city/district through outreach.



*Spreading colours and Smiles*

Table 1: Brief discription of activities done

SN	Activity	Objective	Out Put	Number of Beneficiaries		
				Childre	Adult	Total
1	Dealing with Intervention cases	Provide Emergency assistance to the cases received through 1098	Provided Assistance to:			
			Medical cases			40
			Shelter			4
			Rescue(Child Labour, Child Abuse)			49
			Emotional Support			122
		Educational Support			404	
2	Medical Camps	To Carry out regular Check ups of the children & Nearby Communities	Medical Camp Conducted: 21	1470	2330	3800
3	Health Awareness Camps	To spread Awareness regarding various Health & Hygiene Issues	Awareness Camp conducted: 30	1230	2983	4213
4	Awareness generation of CHILDLINE in	To make Community, especially Children aware about the CHILDLINE	No. of School: 73	47400		47400
			No. of communities: 92			
			No. of houses covered : 5215	10430	15645	26075
5	Community Meetings	To Increase Involvement of Community for better realisation of objective	No. of Community meeting:90	3801	2132	5933
6	Children's Club	To Increase Involvement of Children for better realisation of objective	21 Port Blair, 5 in Hut Bay, 7 in Campbell Bay	956		956
7	Cleanliness Drives	To Motivate the community to keep the environment neat & clean	No. of Cleanliness Drive Organised: 12 Port Blair, 6 in Little Andaman & 7 in Campbell Bay	875	645	1520
8	Psycho-Social Training	To bring out children from the trauma inflicted by killer waves of Tsunami	Four Phase training in collaboration with Dream Catchers Foundation, Mumbai	1085	22	1107
9	Child Rights' Awareness	To spread awareness regarding Child Rights & Various Child Protection Issues	No. of communities: 92			5215
10	Capacity Building of CHILDLINE Members	To Train the CHILDLINE Members to cater to the wider areas of interventions effectively	Workshops/Trainings Organised/Attended: 36	20		20
11	Cultural Events	For overall Personality Development of Children & To inculcate the feeling of Independence & courage	Cultural Events Organised: 30	3000	5600	8600



## Prayas intervened and:

### **Child Rejoins Mother:**

The child was studying in class I in Hadoo Eng. Medium School. His father a civil engineer, belongs to this island and his mother is from Chennai. Due to some personal problems and misunderstandings between them, his father wanted divorce. Following her refusal he took the child forcibly and kept the child in his relative's custody and refused to give back the child to the mother. He and some of his relatives tortured her mentally and physically continuously. Childline received a call regarding the same and our team rescued the child from the situation.

Followed by Childline's continuous follow-up, and reference to the Police Station, Aberdeen, and finally, after the order from the police station the father handed over the child to his mother.

### **Offender Goes to Jail :**

An 8 yr old child's aunt called Child line - 1098 and informed the team that a person known to them had sexually abused the child. He works along with the aunt of child. In the evening this child was going along with a boy to her aunt's home. At this time he was in a drunken state and asked the accompanying boy to handover this child to him and assured the boy that he shall take the child to the aunt's house. This person took the child through the forest through a short cut to reach the aunt's house. Along the way this person started to abuse the child sexually in the forest itself. During the commencement of this insane act some money from his pocket fell down and the child got a chance to run away and took refuge in the house of her aunt.

The Childline team members visited the house of child the same day for an interaction to decide the future course of action to be taken against that person who abused the child. The family was brought to Childline center where they were made aware about the child rights and the violation as well as the legal rights of the child. After this the complaint was lodged in the Pahargaon Police Station. But it was found that police was not taking any action, so the team contacted the office of Director General of Police and informed him about the apathy of the police. Only then the offender was arrested.

The team is later coordinated with an organization for psychosocial support to the child.

### **Almost a miracle:**

During one of follow up visits for an intervention in Bamboo flat area on 11/01/06 ,the team member learnt from the mother that her 13 year old Nephew studying in Std.VII has been stealing on a regular basis & had been punished several times. But he continued to steal & at times even ran away from home. Due to these circumstances his parents wanted to put him in a hostel. Childline team asked the parents to come and meet them for a Counselling session.

Given the fact that the child had been stealing as a habit, his Mother came to the Childline Office on the 23rd of January 2006 along with the child. The team members tried to convince him that if he continues to steal then it could be a major hindrance to his future Psychological growth & development. Having counseled him along with his mother the team member had a one-to-one counseling session with him. During this session the team member conducted one of the exercises from the 'Dream catchers Foundation' Psycho-Social Training Programme Phase I that they had attended. It was as if a miracle had taken place once the exercise was over. The child seemed to have transformed and also requested the team member to give him the manual for the exercise so that he could do the same exercise with his friends who had taught him to steal. The child was convinced as to what is wrong & right.

During the month of February follow-up with the child was done through phone. On the 2nd of March 2006 team members went for a follow up visit to his home and found that the child had stopped stealing and had learnt to respect his elders. He was also going to school regularly now. Again on the 21 st of March 2006 a follow-up visit to his home was done and the team member found out that he was happy and had written his annual exam sincerely. He profusely thanked Prayas Child line Team.

### **Children take lead and change lives:**

Laxmi of 10 years is studying in V standard at Phargaon School, Pahargaon. Her mother had met her death during the Tsunami and since then her father has been raising her and her brother Mahesh (9yrs) & sister Shanti (13yrs). Laxmi's father owns a small pan shop and is usually engaged in his work from Morning 6:00am to night 9:30pm. On the 28th of February 2006 at 5:00pm Childline received a call from laxmi. She told us that her father had been ill for the past 3 days and that she was very scared as none the three children knew what to do and she needed help badly. The necessary address and details was collected and immediate intervention was done.

Childline team members went to Laxmi's home and found that her father had been suffering from fever & heat boils. He looked very weak. The team members took him to G.B. Pant Hospital at 8:00pm, where the doctor checked him and provided the necessary medication. Having taken the medicine and on reaching his home Laxmi's father requested that we provide the three children with some sort of counseling as they don't listen to him & also do not attend school regularly.

On the 29th of February 2006 the team members visited Laxmi's home and found that her father's health was much better & enquired from the children as well as the father as to why they don't listen to their father. Having collected the necessary details the team members arranged for a counseling session with Dr. Mamta from WBVHA on the 1st of March 2006. The children were given counseling and agreed to attend school regularly & listen to their father. On the 12th of March Childline team members went for a follow -up visit to Laxmi's home and found that her father and the children had built an understanding with each other and were better disciplined. Her father thanked the Childline Team for all the support and help.

## Section 2

### Education:

*'Education is the term.....,  
.....Knowledge is what you earn.'*

#### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC)

*'Helping a child to complete schooling.....'*

After the Tsunami earthquake disaster, most of the school infrastructure in the Islands of Andaman & Nicobar was destroyed. As a result, most of the children lost their educational materials and they are now in out of school situation. The A&N administration was mostly engaged in restoring shelter and other basic infrastructure and the school education suffered a setback.

Keeping in mind the major loss of the school infrastructure, lack of access to educational opportunities and besides the psycho – social needs of the traumatized children, Prayas came out with an innovative arrangement by the way of setting up Child Development Centers (CDC) which act as an activity center for education, counseling, recreational opportunities, primary health care support and community mobilization for collective action to create a child friendly environment. The basic thrust area of CDC is to provide educational opportunities to ensure that no child is denied education even at the hour of national calamity or the disaster. The CDC also looks into the special needs of children and facilitates community based rehabilitation and monitoring of progress of the children orphaned by the Tsunami earthquake.

#### **Objectives of CDC:**

- To develop the personality of child so that he/she can face challenges in life through *Life Skills Education*;
- To develop the *basic skills*, i.e. Maths, English, Science, Hindi, History & Geography, of the students so that they do well in examination.
- To help children improve their *academic performance* by helping in the school curriculum.

## Activities at CDCs:

- Helping Tsunami affected children to overcome trauma by providing Psycho-Social Intervention,
  - Providing alternative education to bridge the gap in formal education,
  - Sponsoring school education fees to needy children with full expenses of books, uniform & shoes,
  - Providing daily Nutrition, Educational & Sports material,
  - Strengthening their physical & mental health,
  - Providing a safe place for recreational activities,
  - Conducting regular Health Check Ups, with all necessary medicine and treatment,
  - Forming Children's Club to involve them in more meaningful ways,
- Conducting awareness programs including community members to provide information regarding various issues etc.



*Children immersed in learning center  
Conducting Classes at CDC*



*It is Playtime at CDC*



*Building up Energies*



*Concentrating hard*

## Details of CDCs in A&N Islands:

Number of Alternate Education/SSA centres running: 18					
S.No	Name/ Address of the Alternate education centre	Area/ Location	Community	No. of children enrolled	Status
1	Brookshabad	<b>Port Blair</b>	Fishermen /Tsunami affected	45	Running
2	Chunnabhata		Fishermen /Tsunami affected	104	Running
3	Sippighat		Farming/labor	40	Closed
4	Balika Niketan		Orphans	26	Closed
5	Haddo		Fishermen	50	Closed
5	Harminder Bay	<b>Little Andaman</b>	Tribal/Tsunami Affected	50	Running
6	Paduk Tikri		Tsunami Affected	60	Running
7	Panchu Tikri		Tsunami Affected	64	Running
8	Nanjappa Nagar		Tsunami Affected	58	Running
9	RK Pur		Tsunami affected	58	Running
10	Netaji Nagar		Fishermen	50	Running
11	Tee Top	<b>Car Nicobar</b>	Tribal/Tsunami affected	48	Running
12	Kenyuka		Tribal/Tsunami affected	94	Running
13	Rajeev Nagar (Non Settler)	<b>Campbell Bay</b>	Tsunami affected/labor/far	34	Running
14	Rajeev Nagar (Tribal)		Nicobari Tribal/Tsunami affected	34	Running
15	Indira Nagar		Salaried/Labor/mixed/Tsunami affected	33	Running
16	Kamal Basti		Farming/Labor/M	65	Running
17	DSS Colony		Fishermen/Tsunami affected	34	Running
18	Medical Colony		Farming/Labor/Mixed/Tsunami affected	45	Running

### ***Turning Dreams to Reality:***

Murali Krishna, whose life was badly affected by Tsunami, lost everything and was living in ashram "Chinmayalaya", where he was working in the morning times and was going to school in afternoon. He was in 12th std. He got the seat in Engineering at Andhra Pradesh by qualifying a competitive exam but was having no money to pursue his dreams. Prayas with the support of MSDF, provided the total educational expenses of the boy for 1st year in the Avanthi Institute of Engineering, Andhra Pradesh.



## Section 3

### Health Services

*'Within each of us lies the power of our consent to health & sickness, all we need is to be aware of it'*

After Tsunami, one of the major areas of concern was to keep a check on the diseases that sprang up at various Islands and to cater to various health needs of the people. We started organizing **Health Camps at different Islands**. These camps were organized in tents, any available community structure, Schools & in our centers. With the help of Doctors, Nurses & other Para professionals, we have conducted the regular check ups of all the community members along with the children & distributed necessary medicines.

During the camps, we found that there is an urgent need to spread awareness in communities regarding basic health issues such as:

- AIDS awareness for whole community,
- Importance of Girl education,
- Addressing problem & needs of adolescent girls,
- Family planning for community members,
- Primary sex education to youth,
- Island specific diseases,
- General Cleanliness & Hygiene,
- Nutrition & diet,
- Child & women rights etc

Therefore, we started conducting **Health Awareness Camps** on above issues along with regular health camps. We also arranged a **Workshop for training to community health workers** for capacity building. We also conducted **Awareness program on Radio** to cover larger audience group, during the "Bal Vani Karyakaram", a program for children. So far more than 100 camps have been conducted in different islands on A&N, covering almost all the tsunami hit areas.

First Aid Kits were provided to all Teachers / Community Mobilizers to provide medical help on the spot to affected children and community members after training on first aid was conducted



*One of our numerous Health Camp*



*Understanding that Health camps alone can not contribute to the of protection of health, certain auxilliary programmes have been initiated along with health camps.*

### **1. Cleanliness Drives:**

After tsunami, the islands were prone to diseases due to piling up of garbage, which should be cleansed up immediately. We took the initiative to teach community members about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene through Cleanliness Drives.

In this drive we motivated and mobilized the members of community that only way to keep them away from diseases is to work from within. We extended them a helping hand, by collecting the garbage and told them to dig a pit and put all garbage



*Cleanliness Drive at Hut Bay*



*Increasing Participation*

and afterwards we put fire on the garbage, which is the only way of disposal as no infrastructure is available for more scientific method of disposal.

Bleaching powder, Halozone (chlorine) tablets & other necessary things such as dustbins, etc were distributed. We explained & demonstrated their usage to chlorinate the available water & make it potable. So far, we have conducted a number of Cleanliness Drives at the Islands of Campbell Bay, Car Nicobar, Little Andaman & Port Blair.

## 2. World Aids Day:

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005, we took initiative to teach the community about the HIV virus and the disease caused by it ;AIDS. We collaborated with other national and international NGOs working in Hut bay and organized

- i. A training for staff members and teachers;
- ii. **Common AIDS Awareness Rally** for community members; and
- iii. **Door-to-Door Awareness Program** for spreading awareness.



*Organising Rally*

## 3. Medical Help/Sponsorship:

Considering the remoteness of the Islands and the non availability of state of the art health infrastructure, Prayas has sponsored the costs of many children who needed emergency treatment. Prayas partially and sometimes fully supported the weakest sections of the population for medical treatment in the mainland .

### *A precious life saved:*

A baby named Ritu, 7 days old was suffering from a congenital malformation namely Tracheo Esophageal Fistula and was admitted to Sick Newborn Care Unit of G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair. the Doctor had referred the baby to Child Trust Hospital, Chennai. The father of the child was daily wages worker, who cannot afford the cost of surgery and travel expenses.

Prayas after discussions with Dr. Bhardwaj and the Kanchi Kamakoti Child Trust Hospital donated Rs.40,000/- to the concerned hospital for the treatment of the child. Now the child is in good health condition and leading a normal life.

## Section 4

### Psycho-Social Trauma Counseling:

#### 'Building Hopes and Healing lives.....'

With the burst of Tsunami, came a stage where people were traumatized as its after effect. They needed help & Prayas provided Psycho-Social Trauma Counseling. In collaboration with Dreamcatchers Foundation, Mumbai; a training program for teachers was organized. The Lead Trainer of Dreamcatchers Mr Wanphai was the resource person. Mr Wanphai trained the teachers to heal the psychological wounds of the children affected by tsunami through "The Wave of Life" Project, a four phased programme, whose first



phase was completed in November'05, second phase in March'06, third phase was held in May-August'06 and the fourth and final phase will be completed in December'06.

#### The aim of the WAVE OF LIFE PROJECT is:

- to help young people and communities heal and reconcile with the loss they have experienced,
- find the inner strength to rebuild individual lives and community traditions,
- articulate collectively what must continue within their traditions as new lives are built,
- document the experience of the community through the tsunami and its response to it as a source of strength and inspiration for the children of the future.

The Wave of Life places the power and responsibility for this act of healing within the hands of those affected themselves; namely, adults and children.

The genesis of the project lies in a few core questions that we asked ourselves in order to make our work available to the people affected by the tsunami.

The core method that we have followed all through the project is the Native American process of Talking Circles. Circles help to engage the communities in dialogue with each other such that emphasis is given on mutual respect and listening without judging.



All the exercises created for the project in the Andaman islands use reflection, visualization, dialogue and various other media for expression of feelings and discoveries.

Immediately after the Tsunami, in a span of one month, through the WAVE OF LIFE project we were able to reach out to about 500 children in relief camps and train about 30 volunteers in Port Blair and Hut Bay islands.

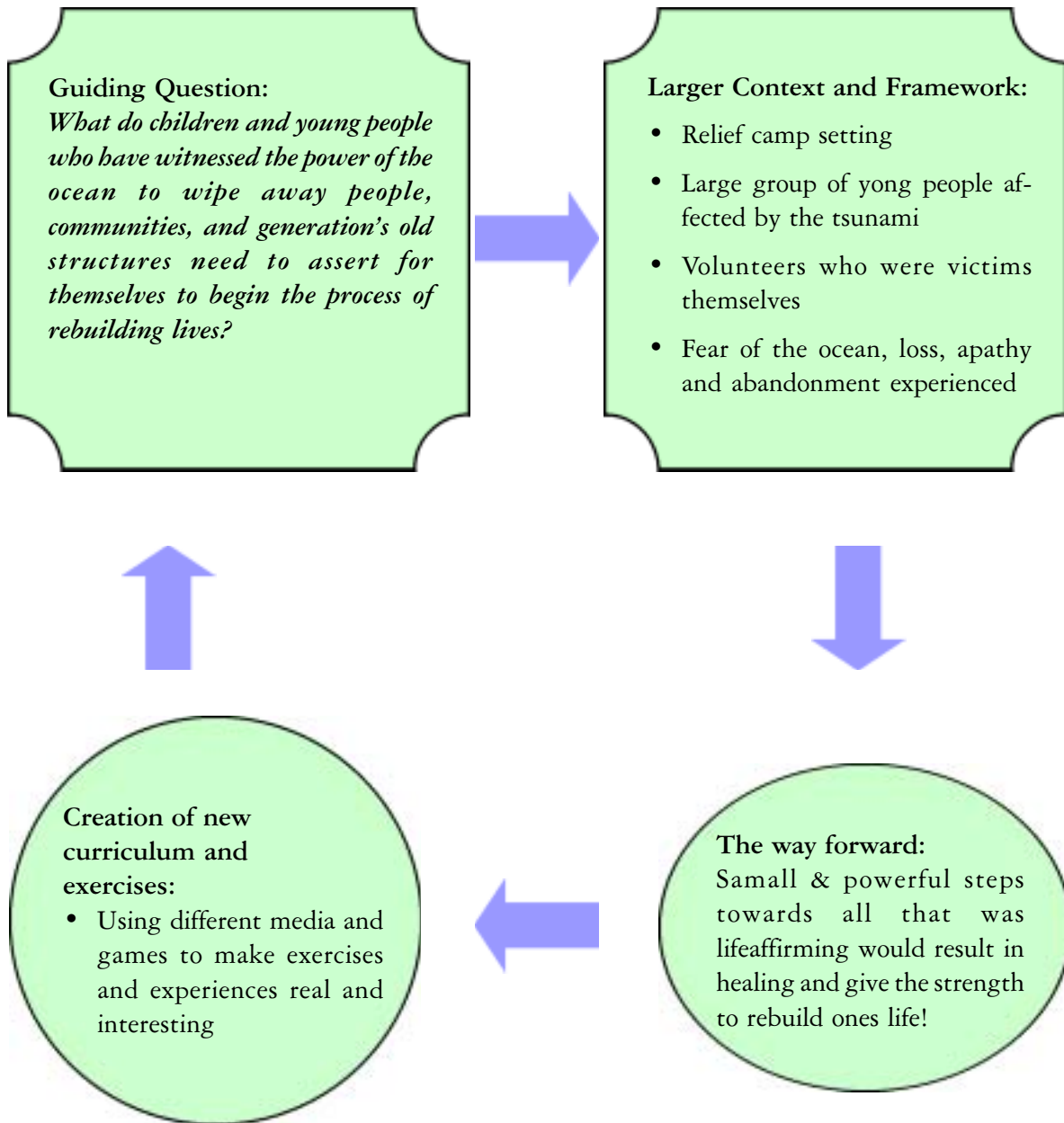


*The Wave of Life Project*



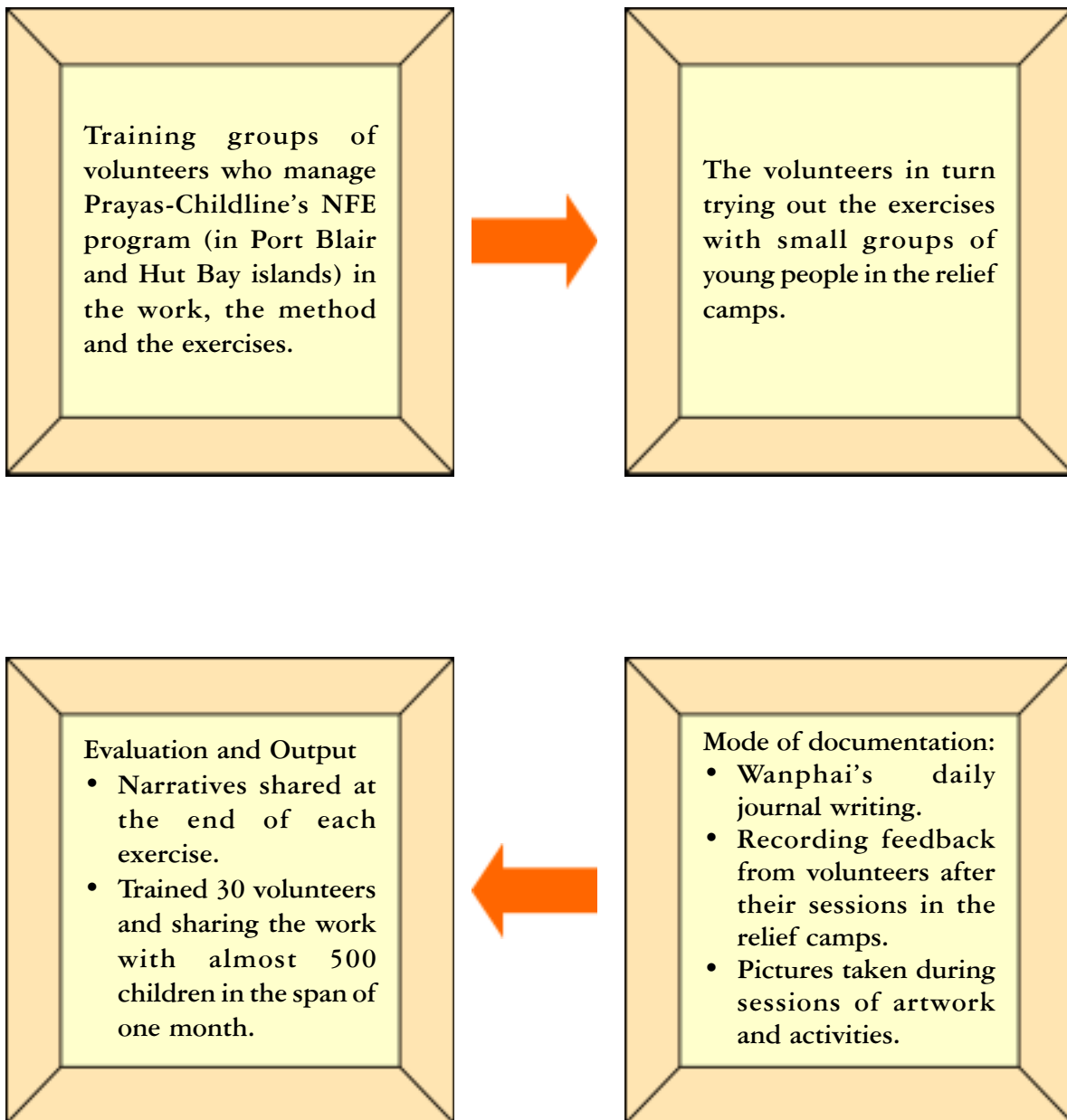
## Evolution of our work to respond to the situation in the Andamanis

### Through the Wave of Life Project



Framework of delivery/implementation of the new work  
created to respond to the situation in the  
relief camps of Andaman Islands

Through the Wave of Life Project



### A Guiding light:

A 10 year old Nicobari boy, named Samuel, explained the following after completing one of the exercise at ITF Relief Camp, Port Blair on 12th March 2006. The exercise was about making a structure that one desire to leave behind, using ten finger prints and imagine them as stone, he described, *“I made a light house which will show fishermen the way if they get lost while fishing in the sea.”*

### Learning to Love:

Vijay, an 11 year old boy from Nanjappa Nagar Relief Camp, Hut Bay, Little Andaman, while doing the exercise on Discovering one’s ability to heal and care for others; he shared the following on how he care and heal others, *“I carried my little sister home after she fell down the wall. My mother was very pleased to see me taking care of her.”*

### Recreational Activities:

To keep children engaged and to keep their minds off Tsunami, many events viz Sports Events, Drawing Competitions, Cultural programs, Essay Writing Competitions, Quiz Competitions etc have been organized at Prayas from time to time.



## Section 5

### Livelihood Support: DISHA Prayas

*‘Moulding hands  
to create.....’*

*These Islands were hit by the devastating Tsunami turning people helpless in the hands of nature. Prayas took the initiative to render help. By identifying the most needy women & youth, Self Help Groups (SHGs) were formed. So far we have formed 38 SHGs with proper bank accounts; 26 in different areas of Little Andaman & 12 in Port Blair. Each SHG consists of 15-20 women approximately. We have imparted vocational training of Cutting & Tailoring, Pickle Making, Soft Toys Making, Photo frame making, Dolls from waste materials, Bracelet making, Broom Making and Leaf Mat Making in different areas of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.*

#### Details of the Livelihood Trainings:

S.No	Vocational Training Programmes	Island	Area	Unit	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Women/Youth with Employment
1	Cutting & Tailoring	Port Blair	Haddo	2	60	20
			Calicut	1	25	10
			Brichgunj	2	60	35
		Little Andaman	R.K. Pur	6	90	45
			V.K. Pur	3	45	24
			Netaji Nagar	1	15	10
2	Pickle Making	Port Blair	Haddo	1	23	15
			New Terlabad	1	18	12
			Burmanallah	1	20	14
			New circuit	1	15	10
		Little Andaman	R.K. Pur	2	27	27
			Netaji Nagar	1	15	15
3	Candle Making	Little Andaman	Netaji Nagar	1	15	15
			R.K. Pur	1	15	15
			Panchu Tikri	1	15	15
4	Hotel Management	Port Blair	With ANCON	1	3	3
5	Broom Making	Port Blair	Burmanallah	1	15	15
			Calicut	1	15	10
6	Soft Toys Making	Port Blair	With ANCON	1	15	15
		Little Andaman	Netaji Nagar	2	28	28
7	Leaf Mat Making	Port Blair	Haddo	2	22	15
8	Papier Mash	Port Blair	Haddo	1	38	nil
9	Photoframe Making	Port Blair	Haddo	1	16	8
			Calicut	1	21	10
10	Jute Handicrafts	Port Blair	Haddo	1	16	12
			Calicut	1	21	11
		Little Andaman	V.K. Pur	1	15	10

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S.No	Vocational Training Programmes	Island	Area	Unit	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Women/Youth with Employment
11	Decoration items from Waste Material	Port Blair	Haddo	1	25	16
12	Poultry Farming	Little Andaman	Panchu Tikri	1	15	15
13	Duck Farming	Little Andaman	R.K. Pur	1	12	12
14	Basic Computer Skills	Port Blair	With Isels Technologies students from all over A&N	1	33	Course on going
		Little Andaman	Hut Bay	2	60	35
15	Preservation of Food	Port Blair	Goal Ghar	2	10	10

Note: Most of the trainings were provided in collaboration with Department of Industries, ANCON & Department of Food & Nutrition.

Disha Prayas has benefited more than 800 youth and women through various livelihood programmes. Most of the livelihood trainings were based on the raw material demand from the market, opportunity available in the market locally.



*Leaf mat making*



*Learning Lemon Pickle making*

One SHG has started *Production of Pickle Making* and have already supplied it to the District Jail and to other consumers in and around their localities.

Prayas has *successfully placed* 3 women Candidate from Burmanallah after imparting the Hotel management Training to them in collaboration with ANCON in a four Star Resort, namely TSG Emerald Groups of Hotels.



*Hotel Management Trainee*



With the support of the Prayas Team a SHG group from BurmaNalla has *Started Supplying Brooms* to a wholesaler. The Group has already supplied 2800 Brooms to the Wholesaler at Rs.6 per piece. There is also a high demand from the Port Blair Municipal Council for which the Prayas team is trying to link more groups.



*Woman with her self-made Brooms*



*Imparting Computer Skills to youth*

Prayas has also provided Computer Training to 33 Young people affected by Tsunami from different Islands of A&N, through its professional course “Diploma in Computer Application” with the Collaboration of Isles Technologies at Port Blair.

Women taking advantage of various other trainings:



*Bracelet making*

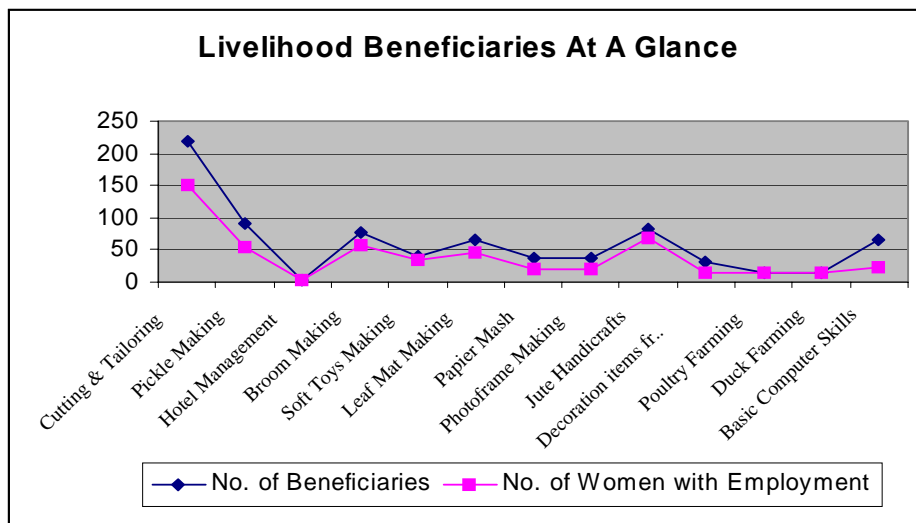


*A Batch of Soft Toys Makers with their products*



*Candle making*

*Graphical Representation of number of beneficiaries:*



***PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES:***

Prayas with the support of *Department of Industries* and in collaboration with NABARD , State Cooperative Bank, State Bank of India and Department of Women & Child Welfare has organised few orientation programmes in which women from different SHGs from Port Blair and Little Andaman participated.

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A Brief discription of various Promotional Activities

## ACHIEVEMENTS:

We have successfully organized Stalls at

- a. Inter Islands Tourism Festival, Netaji Stadium, Port Blair;
- b. MILAN ground
- c. Jute Fair
- d. Delhi Haat



*Decoration of Prayas Stall*



*Fruits of our Efforts-Second Prize*

Exhibition Cum sale was organized by Prayas during the Island Tourism Festival 2006 in which *Products made by our SHGs* were displayed and sold. The Profit of which was later distributed to the SHG group members. This effort of ours has been recognized by the Local Government and “*Prayas was awarded with the 2nd prize in the Private Sector Category*” during the ITF Mela by the Directorate of Information, Publicity and Tourism.

## Livelihood Success Stories:

### Lights in Lives:

A group of 11 marginalised women was constituted after survey and need assessment at Nanjappa Nagar, Little Andaman. The SHG named itself “Deep Jyoti”, was given training of Candle Making. The group was also provided with different molds for making varieties of candles and was also provided with raw material initially. The group was further linked with the local market and now is supplying the various types of candles to four shops in Little Andaman at Rs 8/-per candle. The shop owner after assessing the increased demands asked this group to supply candles on regular basis with the raw material provided by shop owner only.

### **Enterprising venture:**

A group of 20 marginalised women was constituted after survey and need assessment at Bramanallah, Port Blair. Since the raw material to make brooms was available in abundance in the Island and is free of cost, the group was given training of Broom Making. The group was further linked with the local market and now is supplying the brooms to a shop owned by Mr Antony Petrie in Port Blair at Rs 5/- per broom. This group earns Rs 1500/- per month by supplying only to one shop. Now Prayas is trying to link this group with few more shops.

### **Trained and Placed:**

Anita 21 years, was short-listed for the training of Hotel Management in collaboration with ANCON, along with two other girls in March 2006. After completing the training, she has got job in TSG Emerald, one of the leading hotels in Andaman Island at Rs 3000/- per month. Prayas also placed other two girls in Blair International.

### **From Darkness to Light:**

Vijaya Laxmi 34 years, is living with her family, two children and husband, in Haddo area of Port Blair. Her husband is unemployed. She was given the training of Cutting & Tailoring along with other women of that area. Now she earns more than Rs 4000/- per month by stitching the clothes in her house. She has also employed two other girls to cater to the increased demand of locality. She says, "Prayas has given life and light not only to me but also to my whole family" .

## Section 6

### Immediate Relief Assistance

Prayas has evolved as an organisation which has toiled hard in the areas of Relief Distribution. Reaching out to the masses. It has provided comfort & solace to many a souls. It has distributed household utility items, utensils, bed covers etc. to the most needy.

#### Extending A Helping Hand

S.No	Help Provided	No. of Beneficiaries	Location
1	Sponsoring child's education in schools	38	Port Blair
		30	Campbell Bay
2	Taking Full (Nutritional, Educational & Health) Care of Child	54	Little Andaman
		6	Port Blair
3	Uniform, Shoe & Educational Material Help	188	Port Blair
		378	Little Andaman
		250	Car Nicobar
		400	Campbell Bay
4	Cycles	27	Car Nicobar
		6	Little Andaman
5	Health Camps Conducted	89 camps	Port Blair
			Little Andaman
			Car Nicobar
			Campbell Bay
6	Ice Boxes Provided (To fishing community for storing fishes)	4	Port Blair
		15	Little Andaman

#### A Brief description of relief distribution



Fishing Boats – we have provided a fishing boat with engine to 25 Tsunami affected fishing families in Port Blair, which not only resulted in fulfillment to their immediate needs of livelihood but also restored confidence for cooperative activities and income generation. The beneficiary groups have been linked with the Cooperative Societies with registration and access to subsidies for acquiring fishing nets



*Boat given to Affected Fishermen - Port Blair*



*Cycle Distribution to Tribal children-Carnicobar*

Cycles were distributed to Tribal Children as their school is situated at around 6 kms away from the community ,which is of great benefit to the children to continue their education.

In this tsunami hit area, three ladies, namely, Laxmi Kanta, C.H. Damyanthi, Purnawathi. They were engaged in fish selling business. During tsunami their shops were destroyed and they were not able to sale fishes as they were not having the place and storage device. Therefore, we provided them Ice Box to store the fishes so that they can sell them easily by keeping some stock with them.



*A Tsunami affected Fisherwomen with Ice Box - Little Andaman*

## Future Plans:

*‘ To encompass a future of our ideas. ’*

### 1. Vocational Trainings Planned:

- a. **Carpentry training:** For youth, in collaboration with Forest Department.
- b. **Training in Organic Farming:** For Farmers, in collaboration with Agriculture Department

### 2. Production Units:

To promote entrepreneurial skills in trained Women & Youth to start their own enterprises of:

- a. **Pickle Making:** After imparting training in pickle making, the next step is to make these women stand on their feet. For that initially we will provide them printed polythene covers of 100gms, 250gms, etc with full details and the raw material to make pickles to enable to sell them in the market. This will be done in collaboration with the Department of Industries.
- b. **Cutting & Tailoring:** Help them to open a small “Cutting & Tailoring Shop” in Little Andaman
- c. **Poultry Farm:** Provide all possible help to two SHGs to set up Poultry Farms in Little Andaman

### 3. Health Sector: Focus will be on outer areas of Port Blair and other Islands of A&N Islands.

### 4. Open a small shop / stall with the name “**SANCHAY PRAYAS**” to give an outlet to SHG women to sale their products

### 5. Collaborating with NABARD to utilise various scheme offered by them for SHGs

### 6. Construct Child Activity Centres at Dairyfarm, Port Blair, Harminder Bay & Hut Bay in Little Andaman

## Our Partners

1. Railway Children, UK
2. Save the Children, UK
3. Aide et Action
4. CARE INDIA
5. International Labour Organisation
6. Times Foundation
7. Parliwala India Foundation
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