

AITKEN SPENCE – TSUNAMI HOUSING PROJECT

The Tsunami waves which ravaged the local coastline and induced destruction to man, monument, industry and virtually everything in its path, have proven to be synonymous with melancholy.

Sri Lanka being one of the hardest hit countries recorded a death toll of over 40,000. The provisional reconstruction cost is estimated to be in the range of US \$ 1.3 – 1.5 billion.

Some employees of Aitken Spence Group were caught in the firing line and bore the brunt of this catastrophe.

Having identified the areas that need to be developed, Aitken Spence Group has set up a special fund to adopt villages in Ahungalla and Trincomalee. These villages will consist of a medical facility, pre-school, playground and community centre.

The company will launch a housing project along with the other infrastructure development, and hope to provide shelter to over 100 affected families by 15 July 2005. Having established a special "Tsunami Relief Fund", the company has raised a considerable amount towards the development project.

The Aitken Spence Sports Club will also be constructing a low cost housing unit, which will be donated to a Tsunami affected employee of Aitken Spence Group.



Its effect on the employees of Aitken Spence Group

Description of damage caused	Employees
Death of an employee	01
Deaths of family members	10
Major damages to houses	62
Minor damages to houses	64
Damages to furniture and fittings	86
Total	223

Contributions Received

The employees of Aitken Spence Group were steadfast in their appeal to have amounts ranging from a day's salary upto a months salary donated towards the "Tsunami relief fund".

The Total contribution by the staff of Aitken Spence group is LKR 1.2 million.

Project Sponsors

- Aitken Spence & Co., Ltd.
- TUI AG.
- The Principals and business partners, well-wishers & employees of Aitken Spence Group.
- The Government of the republic of Sri Lanka. (Sponsorship of land)

What we hope to do...

Construct & hand over 100 houses in the following villages.

- Ahungalla - 75 houses (Land Secured)
- Trincomalee- 25 houses (Negotiating with UDA)

Integrated development of housing

- Portable water
- Sewage disposal
- Solid waste management
- Essential activities

The dwelling unit Consist of

- 2 bed rooms
- Living & dining
- Kitchen and a toilet
- Open area for grindstone etc.,

We have secured two plots of land in Ahungalla, which have been allocated for Aitken Spence Group

Name	Extent (Acres)
1. Katuwila K.V Land	2.0
2. Pthirajagama Pola Land	1.0



Your ideas towards the improvement of this worthy cause is indeed valued and appreciated. Please feel free to communicate your thoughts, suggestions and creative

ideas to us by email to info@aitkenspence.lk or

by Fax on **2307592**.

All monetary donations towards those affected, are gratefully accepted at:

Aitken Spence & Co., Ltd.- Tsunami Relief Fund
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