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SCRIPT:

Reciting the Thai alphabet gives these youngsters an early boost toward literacy.

Three-year-old Naiyana Masosot is one of more than 15 children who attend this child development center on Sriboya island in southern Thailand.

Her mother is an unemployed fishing woman. She's grateful Naiyana can come here, because it frees up her schedule to work on rebuilding her income in the wake of the tsunami.

SOUNDBITE: Thai; Khorya Klongyuan, Mother;

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While the tsunami cause minimal damage to Sriboya island, it washed away boats and fishing equipment, devastating the local economy.

SOUNDBITE: Thai; Temika Satyawiboon, UNICEF Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Section

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But many child care centers in the area are falling apart. The Sriboya center has been operating in a dilapidated wooden building that seemed far beyond its expiration date.

To help these communities continue to care for children, UNICEF and its partners are reconstructing five child development centers across the district. The new centers feature sturdier brick and mortar structures. And their construction provided new employment for the island's laborers and masons.

UNICEF has also provided education and play materials to encourage recreational activities... an important part of the psychological recovery of children traumatized by the disaster.

By building a new environment for young children to learn and have fun, UNICEF is working to improve early education and help tsunami affected communities get back on their feet.

In Sriboya Island, Thailand, this is Steve Nettleton reporting for UNICEF. For every child, advance humanity.

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