

Child Friendly School Reconstruction Project

Name of School: Balapitiya Sidhartha Primary

25th October, 2006



Introductory

Under the three-year Rebuilding with Children recovery plan, UNICEF at the request of the Ministry of Education has committed to build 28 schools to replace facilities damaged or destroyed by the tsunami. The United Nations Office for Project Services has signed an agreement with UNICEF to manage these projects. UNICEF has recently agreed on supporting the construction of an additional 7 schools where other donors have withdrawn.

At-a-glance...

- **No. of children: 150**
- **Location: Balapitiya Galle District**
- **Age group: 6-10 yrs**
- **Estimated date of completion: July 2006**



Facilities Provided

- 11 Classrooms
- 1 Music room
- 1 Toy room
- 1 Library
- 1 Assembly hall
- 1 Principal's room
- 1 Staff room
- 1 Canteen
- 10 Toilets (5M/5F)
- 1 Principal's quarters
- Play ground

'Child-friendly school' design concept developed by the Ministry of Education, UNICEF and UNOPS is being implemented. It focuses on the creation of child friendly learning spaces, which provide a learning environment that stimulates development of intellectual, social and physical capacities of children. This was developed in accordance with the Child Friendly School Concept as agreed in the MOU between UNICEF and the Ministry of Education.

Current Status as of October 2006

Land was made available in March '05 and temporary classrooms were constructed. The architectural, structural designs, working drawings and technical specifications designs were completed and approved in September. Construction work began on site in November '05. Construction of boundary wall is completed. Technical supervision is carried out by site engineers on location with area engineers. Regular progress meetings are conducted with field staff and contractors. The opening ceremony for this school was held in June and classes are currently underway.



Milestones

- Land made available – 3 March 05
- Approval of master plan – 17 March 05
- MOE approval for structural and architectural drawings – 26 September 05
- Contract awarded/Commencement of construction – 01 November 05
- **Construction completed – 30th July 2006**

Architectural Drawing

