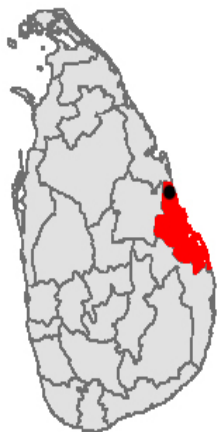


Child Friendly School Reconstruction Project

Name of School: Palachennai GTMS, Batticaloa

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 UNICEF has recently agreed on supporting the construction of an additional 7 schools where other donors have withdrawn.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: 600**
- **Location: Kathiravelly Batticaloa District**
- **Age group: 6-15 yrs**
- **Estimated date of completion: December 2006**



Facilities Provided

- 23 Classrooms
- 1 science room
- 2 Computer rooms
- 1 Aesthetic room
- 1 Dancing room
- 1 Music room
- 1 Toy room
- 1 Library
- 1 Assembly hall
- 1 Principal's room
- 1 Staff room
- 1 Canteen
- 20 Toilets (10M/10F)
- 1 Principal's quarters
- Shrine room

'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 September 2006

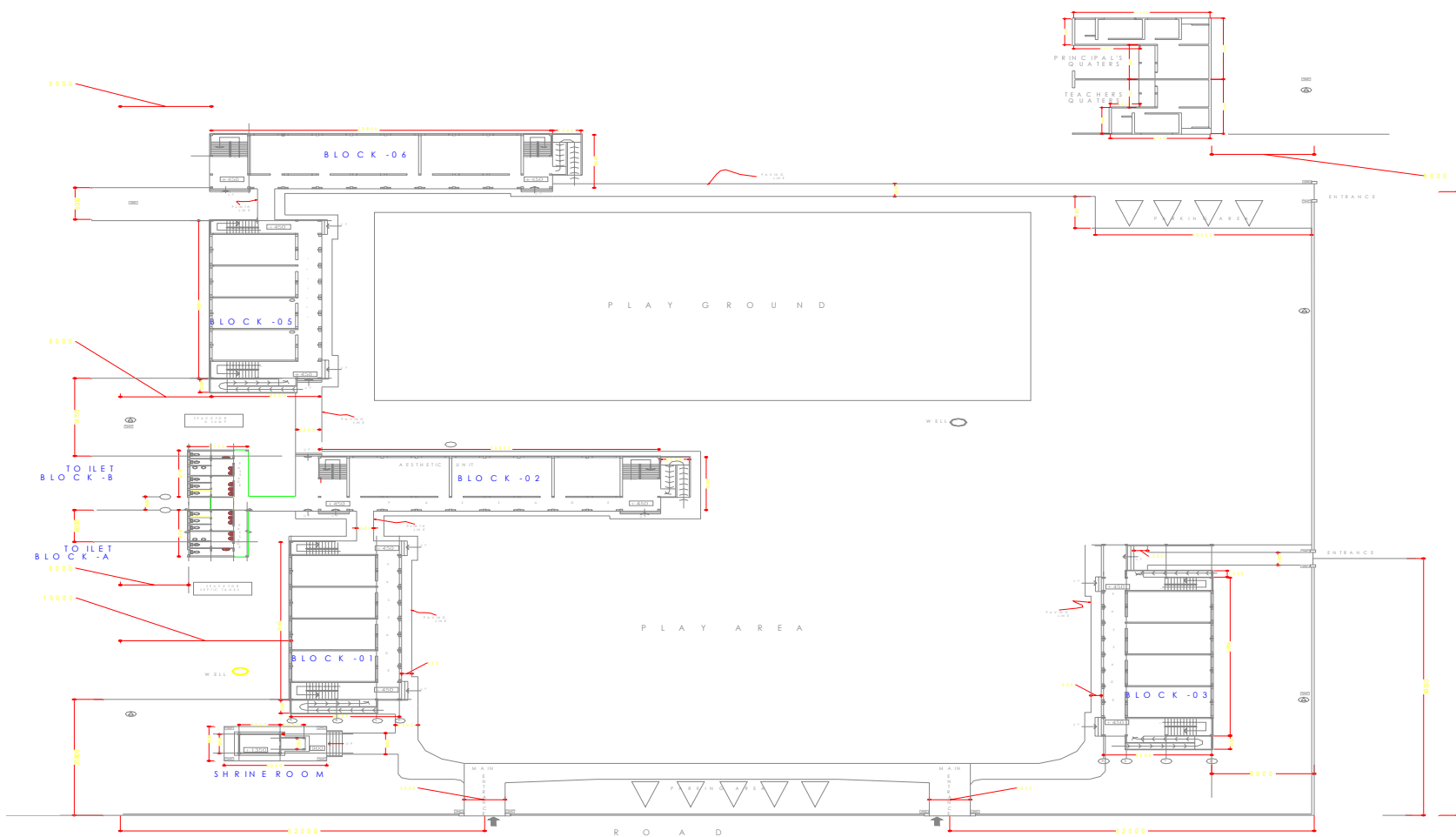
Construction work began on site in November '05. Construction of boundary wall is completed. Technical supervision is carried out by Site Engineers on location with Area Engineers. Regular progress meetings are conducted with field staff and contractors. By 19th of June 2006 the overall progress was about 20%. Due to Government imposed access limitations for construction materials and due to perceived insecurity in the area, the contractor had difficulties in moving material and labour to site (located in LTTE controlled area), hence progress was not satisfactory. Therefore, this contract was terminated and UNOPS commenced Direct Implementation from 25th June 06. By end of July, progress accelerated to 25%. On 31st July, work was suspended due to the hostilities between SLA and the LTTE in the area. Notably on 21st July, the site narrowly escaped aerial bombardment by the Sri Lankan Air Force. At the time of writing (11 August 06) humanitarian access remains denied. UNOPS will recommence construction upon provision of access. Further delays are likely.



Milestones

- Land made available – 16 March 05
- Approval of master plan – 29 April 05
- MOE approval for structural and architectural drawings – 30 September 05
- Issuance of tender documents – 30 Sept 05
- Contract awarded/Commencement of construction – 25 November 05

Architectural Drawing



Legend:

- Block 1 – Class rooms
- Block 2- Computer/ Art rooms / Administrative block
- Block 3- Class rooms
- Block 4- Canteen/

- Block 5- Class rooms
- Block 6 – Technical Rooms, laboratory, assembly hall
- Toilet Blocks – A, B