

Child Friendly School Reconstruction Project

Name of School: Valvai RCTMS, Valvettiturai

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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 UNICEF has recently agreed on supporting the construction of an additional 7 schools where other donors have withdrawn.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: 200**
- **Location: Jaffna District**
- **Age group: 6-15 yrs**
- **Estimated date of completion: June 2007**



Facilities Provided

- **Assembly Hall**
- **Activity Room**
- **Toilets**
- **8 Class rooms**
- **Library**
- **Administrative 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 October 2006

Land was made available on 8 July 2006. The mobilization has been completed and foundation has been laid. The work has been severely affected due to the Government's ban in importing core construction materials to the Northern region – i.e. cement, steel, fuel, etc. Work has been temporarily stopped due to the current security situation.



Milestones

- Land made available – 8 July 2005
- Approval of master plan – 22 September 2005
- MOE approval for structural and architectural drawings – 9 November 2005
- Issuance of tender documents – 8 January 2006
- Contract awarded/Commencement of construction – Land Made Available

Architectural Drawing

