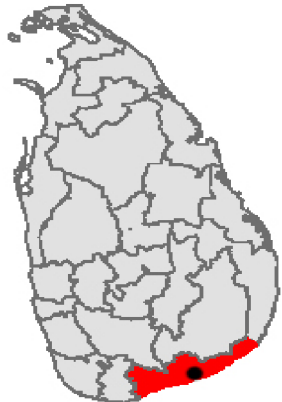




Child Friendly School Reconstruction Project

Name of School: Zahira Primary School. Hambantota

1st December, 2006

	<p>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 UNICEF has recently agreed on supporting the construction of an additional 7 schools where other donors have withdrawn.</p>	<p>At-a-glance...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § No. of children: 600 § Location: Hambantota District § Age group: 6-10 yrs § Estimated date of completion: July 2006 	
<p>Facilities Provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § 12 Class rooms § Principal Room § Vice Principal Room § Staff Room § Counsel Room § Library § Lobby § Toilets (B/G – 8) § Quarters 	<p>'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.</p>	<p>Current Status as of December 2006</p> <p>Land was made available on 7 March 2006. Temporary schools were built and construction commenced in October 2005. The construction of this school progressed well and construction was completed on the 30th of June 2006.</p> <p>There was a handing over ceremony in August 2006 and the school is currently functioning and classes are going on.</p>	
		<p>Milestones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Land made available – 7 March 2005 § Approval of master plan – 18 March 05 § MOE approval for structural and architectural drawings – 30 Aug 05 § Contract awarded/Commencement of construction – 14 Oct. 2005 § Construction completed – 30 June 2006 § Handed over on 30th August 2006 	

