

Dear All Anandians,

Consequent to the disastrous Tsunami attack on the Island's coastal belt on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2004, the Old Boys Association, under the guidance of the Principal, have formed a special Committee and a Fund - **ANANDA SAHANA SEVA FUND – TSUNAMI RELIEF** to offer relief, resettlement & rehabilitation to the displaced.

The committee, having carried out immediate relief work for the displaced at a few selected Camps, has planned out a long-term programme.

1. The OBA, together with the Principal, identified several camps in Panadura, Kalutara, Ahungalle & Tangalle areas, and offered them immediate assistance. Such assistance include the distribution of lunch packets, special requirements of under-garments & sanitary needs for ladies, feeding bottles, cereals, colons, baby cream & toys for babies, detergents, toothpaste & tooth brushes, mats & pillows, sarongs, mosquito nets, cups & plates, dry rations, medicine and clothes.
2. The Education Ministry has entrusted the Principal to co-ordinate the relief work for students in Ampara district, jointly with Principals of Mahanama College and Muslim Ladies College. Initially it would be the supply of school uniforms and books for the students who are displaced in the area, followed by Counseling for the affected students in the longer term.

The Principal, having already visited the schools in Ampara, has collected the statistics on displaced students in the area. The schools in Badulla, Bandarawela & Monaragala too are expected to join and assist this programme in the Ampara district, and the Principal will also involve the present students at Ananda.

On a proposal made by the Principal, the OBA will undertake to renovate 3 schools in the Ampara district. That would include a Sinhala, Tamil and a Muslim school. The Principal will make another visit to the area shortly, with representatives from the OBA, in order to identify the three schools and ascertain the damage.

3. The OBA has received the following information from the school, relating to affected Anandians and staff;

The demise of Mr. R G Jayasinghe – Master in-charge of Swimming. He was the father of two, both old Anandians, one employed, and the other attending a technical course. The OBA decided to help the latter, who is unemployed, and allocated Rs. 50,000/- from the fund for his educational and other requirements.

The demise of Vidusha Dissanayake – Year 2 student at Ananda. His father (Mr Vijitha Dissanayake, an old Anandian) and mother too were lost.

The demise of Yasitha Ariyasena - Year 10 student at Ananda from Panadura.

R D Gunasena – Year 7 student at Ananda, lost his father in Hambantota. The OBA allocated Rs. 50,000/- for his urgent requirements, and a scholarship to continue his education at Ananda..

Year 12 student at Ananda (awaiting the name and other details from school) lost both parents & family members. The OBA decided to offer Rs. 50,000/- for his requirements, and a scholarship until completion of his education at Ananda.

Dhanushka Kodithuwakku – Left college after A/L, and an active member of the Buddhist Association, and Scout movement, lost his father. Assistance for him will be decided in due course.

S P Pubudu – O/L student at Ananda, lost his father at Nonagama. Assistance for him will be decided in due course.

Mr. Patrick – Principal's Peon, has lost all his belongings at his house in Kalutara. The OBA decided to make a donation of household material worth Rs. 50,000/-.

Further information is being collected by school, and based on the same, this document will be updated.

4. The National Housing Development Authority has developed a low cost house for approximately Rs. 200,000/-. The OBA decided to assist the displaced through funding this programme, to build a number of houses, depending on the Funds collected for ANANDA SAHANA SEVA.
5. The Fund presently stands at Rs. 833,000/-, thanks to Anandians & OBA Branches. Among the generous donors, it would be noteworthy to mention the names of **Mr. Hiran Karunaratne** and the **OBA London Branch** that donated sums amounting to Rs. 210,000/- & Rs. 305,000/- respectively.

Apart from above contributions, several overseas OBA branches have pledged their support for the Fund, and we will receive them in due course.

We are confident that all Anandians around the world would want to support this cause in their own way.

Those who reside in Sri Lanka may please draw an "Account Payee" Cheque in favour of **ANANDA SAHANA SEVA FUND – TSUNAMI RELIEF** and forward it to either the OBA office (94 11 2698551) or call the OBA Treasurer Amila Kannangara (077 7711097) or Asst. Treasurer Pushpakumara Perera (077 7224315).

Those who reside overseas may please send a remittance to the following account;

**Beneficiary** : Ananda Sahana Seva Fund – Tsunami Relief  
**Bank** : Bank of Ceylon, Maradana Branch  
**Account #** : 1– 032429-1

In case you need further information, kindly contact the Jt Secretaries on following numbers;

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May all donors be blessed with the Noble Triple Gem!

**ANANDA COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**