

WHAT THE SRI LANKA AID NÜRNBERG IS DOING

We are members and sponsors of the non-profit association „Nürnberger helfen Menschen in Sri Lanka e.V.“ (Sri Lanka aid Nürnberg) For 10 years we have been running the „Kalkudah - booth“ at the town twinning market on the Nuremberg Christkindlesmarkt.

We are collecting funds for projects in Kalkudah, Eravur, Kattankudy and Kalmunai at the east coast of Sri Lanka. Our voluntary service is for the benefit of a region which has not only been affected by the tsunami late 2004, but also by the conflict between Tamil and Sinhalese population which has been lasting for decades.

Initially as members of the Round Table we started our work immediately in the year after the tsunami in Kalkudah and vicinity. We had to pause our work between 2006 and 2009, due to the first violent attacks in the area of Kalkudah when the civil war broke out again.

After this forced break, we have made three trips since 2010 and have recognized that the local population is requiring significant assistance at the east coast.

This is why we have decided to continue our work. We mind cooperating with all social, political, cultural, clerical, and scientific organizations in this region which support the goals and the work of our association.

NÜERNBERG AT THE EAST COAST OF SRI LANKA: ACTIVITIES SINCE 2005:

People and companies of Nuremberg have joined the first to provide immediate support to the east coast of Sri Lanka, most heavily affected by the tsunami 2004

Amongst others this includes

- a residential area of 100 houses in the vicinity of Kalkudah for families damaged by the tsunami.
- two special purpose vehicles to safeguard the water supply in and around Kalkudah,
- one sanitary facility in a big camp for homeless families in Kalkudah,
- two kindergartens and emergency aid for fishermen and widowed women in Kalkudah.



2008 – 2011: new start of the humanitarian activity at the end of the civil war and extension to other cities at the east coast

Through the medium of the city of Munich we managed to acquire Dr. Ismail Fahmy, the representative of UN-Habitat in Sri Lanka, for the planning and supervision of our work. It is due to his support that we were able to implement a couple of bigger projects in the following years:

- 2010: Opening of the Heinrich A. Litzner Memorial Health Center in Kalmunai, funded by GfK

In 2010 and 2011 the Sri Lanka aid sponsored

- The Furnishing of the Health Centre with medical equipment and furniture
- An emergency unit in the children's hospital of the Ashraff Memorial Hospital in Kalmunai,
- The rehabilitation of a kindergarten in Kalmunai, Kattankudy and in a slum in Colombo,
- Two Health Camps in smaller communities around Kalmunai where there is no health care

2011 – by today Paving the way to sustainability, cooperation and friendship

Jointly with the city of Nuremberg, with not spent funds of citizens and companies, and the money of the Sri Lanka aid, we sponsored:

- Building and furnishing of a vocational training center in Kattankudy hosting a computer school for graduates and a preschool. The grand opening was in 2013.
- The building of a residential area for families who had been living in temporary housing for several years. June 2014, Little Nuremberg, with 25 houses and meanwhile 180 inhabitants, was inaugurated.

How to proceed: Planning new vocational projects in Kattankudy and Eravur

At present we are dealing with projects to be funded with money of the Christkindlesmarkt, a donation of the city of Munich from money not yet spent on projects in Sri Lanka and with donations. We mainly support

- The expansion of the vocational center in Kattankudy.
- The building of another vocational training center in Eravur.

**THE EAST COAST REGION IN SRI LANKA:
ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD**

Trincomalee district in the north east and the adjacent districts of Batticaloa and Ampara in the south form the east coast of Sri Lanka. These districts are pretty underdeveloped with little tourism. Sinhalese, the majority in Sri Lanka, are here the ethnic minority. The east coast is home to mainly Tamils and Muslims and a considerable number of Christians.

Thanks to endless sandy beaches, some parts of the region could potentially benefit from a successful tourism and an economic boom. This isn't true however for the entire east coast. The biggest part of the coastal area continues to be underdeveloped.

The majority of the people are living from fishing and working as peons in agriculture. They usually lack the vocational skills to profit from growing tourism. There is a high proportion of – structural-unemployment and of people dependent on relief. There is a lack of infrastructure of vocational training of the population as well as of private and public infrastructure offering job opportunities for those able to work.

How you can support our work

Join us as member or sponsor of of the association „Nürnbeger helfen Menschen in Sri Lanka“ and help us in the realization of our projects.

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We are working in a coast of about 50 kilometers from Kalkudah in the north to Kalmunai in the south and focus our activities mainly on the following four communities:

Kalkudah,
the initially sponsored region, has seen a good development of tourism, different to the other mentioned cities. Therefore we decided to transfer our activities into the other cities with higher needs.

Kalmunai,
Located about 50 kilometers south of Kalkudah, it has around 110 thousand inhabitants and is hence the largest city at the east coast of Sri Lanka. With about 4.000 dead and a multiple of people homeless through the tsunami, this is the community the tsunami affected most of all , It is densely populated and has little chances to benefit from the tourism expected to grow at the east coast.

Kattankudy
With more than 40 thousand people living mainly from agriculture and fishing, this location is one of the densest populated in the world. Like Kalmunai it has little chances to grow through the prospering tourism but it is struggling with a multitude of economic and social deficits.

Eravur
With about 30 thousand people living here, thereof 60 percent with an income below the breadline of 25 US dollar per month.

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