

Gampaha District

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Education	02 Schools were damaged	1.2
Fisheries	41 fishing boats were destroyed, 297 fishing boats were damaged.	43.0
Other		3.0
Total		383.4

Actions Taken

- The affected families were provided with temporary shelter in 02 camps.
- Immediate food supply for displaced population was provided by civil organizations and the government.
- 200 temporary tents were provided for displaced families.
- Provision of cash grant and dry ration worth Rs. 375 per person to affected families.
- Monthly Tsunami Stamps are being distributed among 19,094 families.
- 22, 828 affected families were paid monthly livelihood allowance of Rs. 5000. Each of 884 families was paid Rs 2,500 to buy kitchen utensils.
- Each of 149 families was given Rs 15,000 for funeral arrangements of victims.
- 200 temporary shelters have been provided.
- Construction of 204 permanent houses has already been commenced.

- Provision of financial assistance and dry rations for fisheries community.

Confronted Problems and Issues

- Difficult in finding suitable pieces of land for construction of houses.
- There were no proper guidelines and clear instructions from national level institution and communication gaps between the district and national level institutions in the tsunami assistance programme.
- Unnecessary involvement of some non governmental organizations.
- Most of the affected people were fishermen and their livelihood had become standstill for the last three month period.

Challenges ahead

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- Restoration of fisheries sector within a short period of time.

Way Forward

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- Provision of facilities to sustain the fisheries industry.

Post Tsunami Recovery Process District Experience and Challenges Ahead

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