



## Nürnberger helfen Menschen in Sri Lanka (Srilankahilfe Nürnberg) A lot of touch points with East Coast Sri Lanka

### **What we are championing:**

„Nürnberger helfen Menschen in Sri Lanka e.V.“ (Srilanka aid Nürnberg) is a non-profit association, founded on the initiative of the Office for International Relationships of the City of Nürnberg in June 2006. We see our engagement as a long-term, sustainable, financial and non-material support for people living at the East Coast of Sri Lanka.

We want to contribute to people living in this region without distress and in humane conditions. In all we do, 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.

### **Why we work in the Eastern part of Sri Lanka:**

East Coast Sri Lanka was not very well developed in tourism and economy when the Tsunami hit it so heavily. From 2006 to 2009 this region was most heavily affected by the civil war between Tamil rebels and the Sinhalese military forces. And even worse: recurrent and particularly strong rain falls and flash floods in the monsoon time threaten the lives of many people every year.

This swath has always been among the poorest regions of the country. The damages caused by natural catastrophes and ethnical conflicts put the people at a permanent disadvantage, in particular in areas with no future for tourism.

### **What we have done in 2011-2014:**

1. **Operating Health Camps in the adjacencies of Kalmunai,** where there is no medical care.
2. **Extension and rehabilitation of a kindergarten** in one of the most densely populated neighborhoods of Kalmunai.
3. **Subsidy for the furnishing of a kindergarten** and of a consultation centre for mothers in a social hot spot neighborhood in Colombo.
4. **Furnishing of the Health Centre:** medical equipment, providing a playing field for children, chairs for the waiting hall in the Heinrich A. Litzneroth Health Centre in Kalmunai, which was funded with money of GfK SE, Nürnberg.
5. **Building and furnishing of a vocational training centre** in Kattankudy, where male and female graduates who can't find a college place get a basic training on computers.
6. **Rehabilitation and expansion of a kindergarten** in the same building as the vocational centre in Kattankudy.

6. **Little Nuremberg: building of a residential area of 25 houses** in Eravur, in which about 180 people moved into who had been living in temporary housing after the Tsunami and the civil war.

In April 2013, seven members of the Association joined the grand opening of the facilities in Kattankudy, and in spring 2014 eight members the grand opening of Little Nuremberg in Eravur.

**Early November 2014, the lord mayors of the city of Nürnberg and of the city of Kalmunai, the biggest city at the East Coast of Sri Lanka, sign the Declaration of Friendship.**

### **Our planned projects 2015 and beyond:**

In the next two years we'll focus on two major projects:

1. **The further extension of the residential area of Little Nuremberg in Eravur** for people who, after the Tsunami late 2004 and the civil war lasting through 2009, are still living in humblest temporary housing. The municipality and the city of Eravur have provided the property for the construction of 100 more houses.
2. **Sponsorship and support of the facilities created with the funds of the citizens of Nürnberg and of the Association:**
  - the children's medical unit of the Ashraff Memorial Hospital in Kalmunai
  - the Heinrich A. Litzneroth Health Centre in Kalmunai
  - the kindergartens in Colombo, Kalmunai und Kattankudy
  - the vocational centre in Kattankudy.

### **How can you support our work:**

Do become a member or sponsor of the association „Nürnberger helfen Menschen in Sri Lanka“ and help us in the implementation of our projects.

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