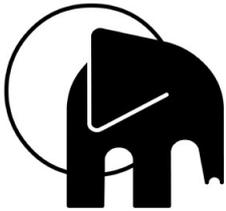


# **NEWSLETTER and REPORT WORKING VISIT**

June 2010



## **Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka**

It's very important to inform everyone who financially bears a warm heart or gladly shows particular interest in the work of our Foundation Kansarmen Sri Lanka. By means of this letter we would like to inform you about the developments and activities of the previous six-month period.

### **Activities in the Netherlands**

#### **Walking for Water 2010**

In March several walks were organized for projects of our foundation. In nice weather conditions 6 primary schools participated; the Prof. W.J. Bladergroenschool from Groningen, the Oldhof from Borne, the SamSam and the Paschalis from Wijchen, the Montessorischool Elzeneind from Oss and comprehensive school Signis from Amsterdam. Over 600 children have participated in the walks and raised a total of € 10,800, a really nice figure which has been once more doubled by the foundation Aqua for All.

Before the walk our foundation has provided guest lessons in the schools and in this way discussed daily water and sanitation problems in Sri Lanka with the children. The interest for the interactive guest lessons was enormous and the children really wanted to help the less fortunate in Sri Lanka with a water well or toilet.



Meanwhile Walk for Water projects in Sri Lanka are in full execution. We will report to which projects the money collected by our children has been spent to. We are glad that some schools already submitted again for a Walk of Water in 2011.

Chaminda has already provided a lot of schools of water and toilets in Sri Lanka, but the requests in Sri Lanka continue to grow: "Can the children of Sri Lanka also count on you in 2011? For further general information take a look at [www.wandelenvoorwater.nl](http://www.wandelenvoorwater.nl) an initiative of Aqua for All.

#### **Country project and Water course**

The primary schools, the Toermalijn and the Emmaus from Heesch, are organizing a country project and a water course in June. The profit goes to projects for our foundation.

Gladly we would like to thank the children, parents, teachers and volunteers of our schools for their commitment and their effort in meaning something to the underprivileged children in Sri Lanka.

## Aqua for All (A4A)

In May 2010 we got the knowledge of A4A that they missed the MFS2 (joint financing scheme) subsidy of foreign affairs. This is for A4A and with that also for our foundation a heavy setback. Since 2006 A4A doubled all contributions for our water and sanitation projects. Cutbacks on subsidies are one thing, but it isn't if it concerns the drinking water of the very poorest!

Despite all the credit from A4A regarding our working method, we will continue without the "doubling".

## Activities in Sri Lanka

### Working visit Sri Lanka/May 2010

Jan van der Steen, accompanied by Ewald Terra, has paid a working visit to examine the projects last May. Here is a little piece of his experiences:

*We have seen 17 new projects, mainly schools. These schools are located in northern direction of the city Puttalam, this area is extremely poor. The government doesn't even visit these country schools, also nothing is done here by other foundations. Each day the conversation concerns toilets, drinking water, drinking water and once more drinking water. Sometimes there isn't any water, sometimes there is just a little water and then there is polluted water. With a couple Thousand Euros we are able to make complete beautiful supplies. We don't skip the difficult schools, we take the time and generally find a solution. For example with water research and water filters, we can make a huge difference. There are also some community projects, which have a certain magic: the local population wants drinking water and they are really dedicated to help. Absolutely no attention is given on health lessons at the primary schools in Sri Lanka.*

*By the end of 2009 we've started with interactive health lessons and this is experienced by the students and teachers as refreshing and renewing. The material comes from A4A and I'm very glad that Father Ajith of Caritas Sri Lanka still continues to develop this program.*

*Nevertheless, these 17 new projects cost the necessary Euros. And each day when I see a new school with problems, I think about the doubling which we lost.*

*How are we going to finance this? For our (grand) children they're perfectly ordinary supplies and why should that be any different for less fortunate countries?*

*After 5 years I can't say any different than that in this respect we've developed a new challenging project in Sri Lanka: based on knowledge of water and motivation!*

*We would like to provide structurally 25 schools a year and with that thousands of children in their primary needs: drinking water and toilets. If you have an idea during reading this report about how we can realize this financially; don't hesitate and please contact me.*

### Presentations

Often we hear requests for a presentation. Also for your company, school, organization, acquaintances or club we gladly provide without engagement a presentation about (solutions for) the drinking water and sanitation problems in Sri Lanka. .

### DVD-movies

To give a better impression of the work of our foundation and to show to which your contributions are invested, you can take a look at some compact movies at our website.

From the start of August the movie of the health lessons will be available.

These DVD's can be ordered for free at our foundation.

### Jubilees, celebrations and anniversaries!

Also this year there have been initiatives for donating (money)gifts to the foundation of an own jubilee or memorable day. To these beautiful contributions concrete projects are related. Just everyone involved: thanks for this splendid gesture!

### Thank you very much!

Without contributions and volunteers we can't realize drinking water and sanitation projects. For this reason we would like to thank all donators and the many volunteers, who make it possible for us to give the most underprivileged of Sri Lanka a better existence.

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