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Sea Street Update

Fall 2009



Thank you!

On behalf of the people of Sea Street, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your amazing generosity.

In this update, we are pleased to report that the water programs in Sea Street have continued to demonstrate phenomenal success! 500 households have continued access to clean water, not only for drinking, but for all household activities.

Enclosed are stories from the beneficiaries, who wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support! The community members are extremely grateful to **NIKA Water** for their generosity and commitment in helping them to overcome the effects of the tsunami.



Name: Susila Fernando

Job: Housewife

Husband's Job: Fisherman

Monthly Household Income: \$100

No of Family Members: 5

Time Spent Collecting Water each day before project: 3.5 hours

Daily Water Use before project: 130 Liters

Daily Water Use Now: 650 Liters

Testimony: "My life used to be very difficult. Even doing something as simple as washing the cooking pots and pans was a big job because there was not enough water. We had to collect and store water every day for our basic requirements. It was difficult for me because I am not that strong and I strained myself many times. Now, with water piped directly into my house and in my back yard I have no problem. There is enough water for all our daily requirements. Life is so much easier and our house and pots and pans are very clean."



Name: Justin Warnakulasuriya
Fernando

Job: Fisherman

Wife's Job: Housewife

Monthly Household Income:
\$125

No of Family Members: 3

**Time Spent Collecting Water
each day before project:** 3 hours

Daily Water Use before project:
70 Liters

Daily Water Use Now: 300 Liters

Testimony: "We used to struggle to get water on a daily basis. We had to fetch water a long distance and store it for our daily usage. This took a lot of time. On many days, my daughter used to be late for school because of this." Now we have a 500 liter water tank allowing us to get water directly into our house and my daughter is now on time for school."



Name: Dolli Theresa

Job: Housewife

Husband's Job: Fisherman

Monthly Household Income: \$80

No. of Family Members: 4

Time Spent Collecting Water each day before project: 3.5 hours

Daily Water Use before project: 160 Liters

Daily Water Use Now: 500 Liters

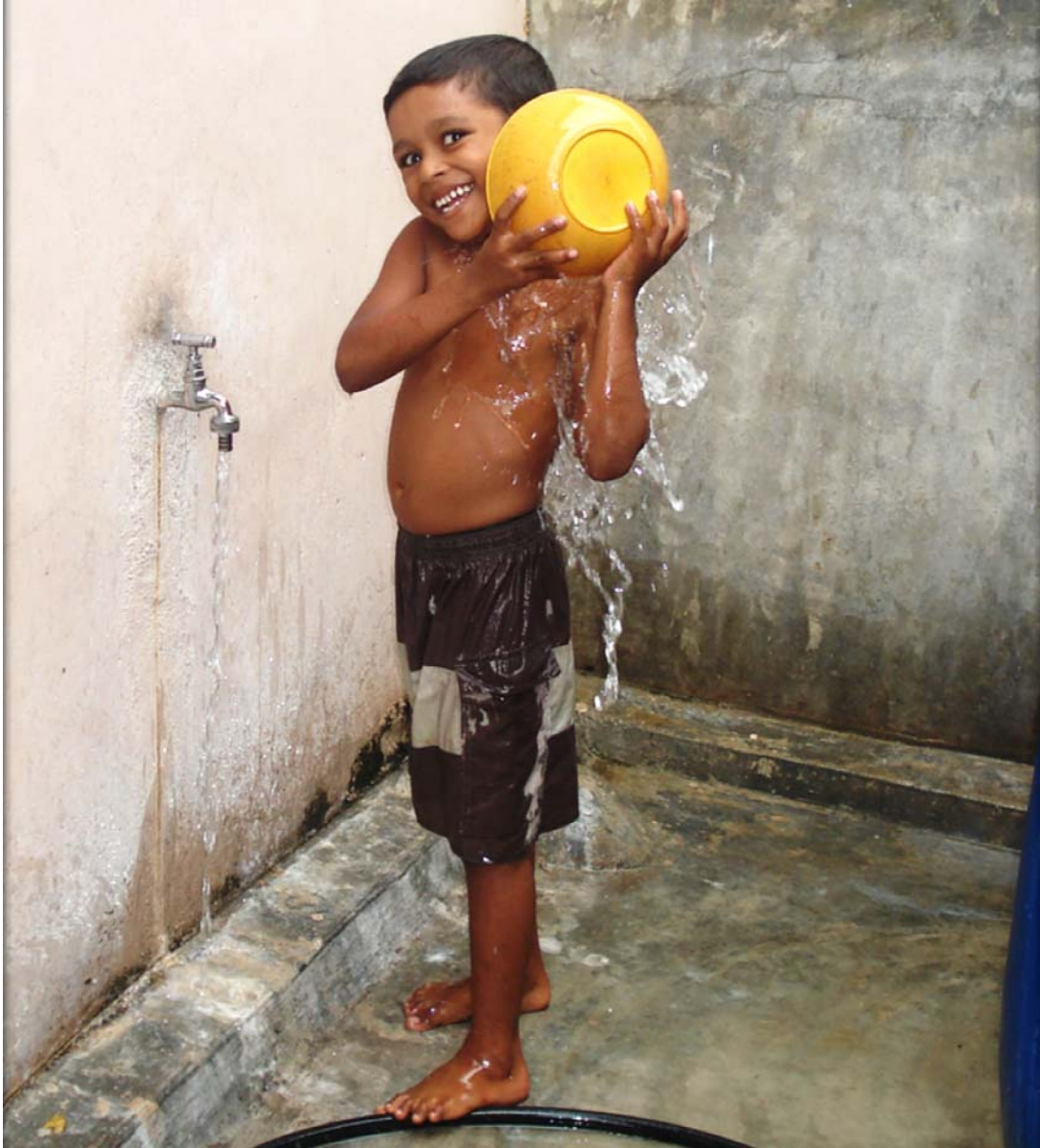
Testimony: "Cooking and preparing the meals requires much water. It was always a big struggle, especially cleaning the fish required for the daily meal. Clean running water is always best to clean fish and to properly do the cleaning of the dishes and utensils after. I never had that until now. The time it takes to prepare and cook fish is cut in half now that I have clean water piped directly into my house."



Name: Malani Fernando
Job: Housewife
Husband's Job: Fisherman
Monthly Household Income: \$100
No. of Family Members: 5
Time Spent Collecting Water each day before project: 4 hours
Daily Water Use before : 130 Liters
Daily Water Use Now: 700 Liters

Testimony: "I have three small children so a lot of water is required each day for bathing, cooking, cleaning and washing the clothes. Before I had to collect and store all the water for our daily needs which took a lot of time and was hard work. Frequently, I couldn't collect and store enough water for all our daily requirements, and it became even more difficult because I am pregnant and I don't want to strain myself. Now, with water piped directly into my house I don't have to worry. It is so easy now to do all I need to do. This came at the right time because I didn't know how I would manage since I am pregnant."

CONCLUSION



Once again, Free The Children would like to extend its deepest gratitude to **NIKA Water** for your support and active engagement. This partnership is a driving force behind our success in Sea Street!

Comments

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