



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Helplanka handovers 12 Houses**

Helplanka will be handing over the keys to 12 newly constructed houses for homeless families in Ahangama (South of Galle, Sri Lanka). The ceremony to mark the occasion will take place on Sunday 22 July 2007 at Ahankanda, Ahangama and sees the culmination of 2 years of fundraising and organising including donors from the UK, Sri Lanka and Switzerland.

12 hampers of dry rations will also be donated to the families who suffered great loss due to the Tsunami. Helplanka is also planning to help the local schools where children of the new residents attend.

Commenting on the initiative Sam Goonetillake Chief Executive of Helplanka said "I want to thank my family and friends and all the donors who have made this possible and also want to extend a special thank you to Mr. Kuruwage who managed the project and also to Nalinda De Silva Helplanka's local coordinator."

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## ABOUT HELPLANKA

HelpLanka is a charity (Reg no 1110306) which was formed in January 2005 to specifically help children affected by the tsunami. Chief Executive, Sam Goonetillake and 6 other Trustees, all Sri Lankan living in the UK, have sent aid to affected areas and have started a programme of educational assistance and rebuilding.

For further information, please visit: **[www.helplanka.co.uk](http://www.helplanka.co.uk)**