



Rosy Blue Supports the JAAN FOUNDATION

Giving hope and life to under-privileged children

Sister Jeanne Devos left Belgium for India in 1963 and worked with the physically challenged, deaf and autistic children and started numerous action groups. Thereafter she studied the issues and concerns of domestic workers and in 1985 founded the following groups in India:

- National Domestic Workers Movement
- Children in Domestic Work
- National Forum for Migrant Workers' Rights

The Jaan Foundation was started in 1999 by the then Consul-General of Belgium to India - Mr. Jan de Bruyne - as an initiative for closer ties between India and Belgium and greater solidarity between its people.

Jaan Foundation, of which Sister Jeanne Devos is the President, is an organization giving hope and life to under-privileged children. "JAAN", meaning "LIFE", aims at creating better life opportunities for handicapped children, for children in slavery, child workers and deprived children.

Relief, Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Recovery: Helping the women and children struck by the Tsunami in Andhra, Tamil Nadu and Kerala

The Foundation is also involved in relief help of the victims of the destructive Tsunami in South India. The death count in that region went up to 19.000 and another 40.000 are missing.

Those who suffer most were the fisher communities and the domestic workers.

In Tamil Nadu, Andhra, as well as in Kerala the Jaan Foundation are strongly involved at different levels:

- direct relief work in Chennai, Kanya Kumari, Quilon and Alleppy with distribution of food and water, medical aid and temporary shelter for women and especially for children;
- registration of children and adults searching for parents or children, facilitating the process to find back family and recover property
- rehabilitation work: most of the women and children until now lived from the sea only, it was their life. Now they are scared of the sea and perceive it as destroyer of life and future.



The Foundation realizes that the disaster will also be an opening for trafficking of women and children. They have started creating an alertness and awareness with collaboration of the victims, people with such high self-esteem and dignity.

For her future work, the Jaan foundation relies on continued support to link Belgium's interests in India with the possibilities for hope and life of under-privileged children.

Since B. Arunkumar was established in India and an office was opened in Antwerp in 1973- this foundation reflects the core values of the Rosy Blue Group and the connection India-Belgium.