



Ladies Circle International Service Project 2007-2009

Project Saris

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This Ladies Circle International Service project is aiming to build 100 toilet blocks at rural Indian schools.

In a developing nation an education is an important part of growing up, preparing for adulthood, and improving the prospect of a better life. We are helping to give this opportunity to many girls across India.

Many schools in India are built without toilet facilities and as girls grow up and mature this becomes more and more of a problem to them. 50% of girls who drop out of school do so around the age of 10-12. This is the point at which they reach puberty and require an amount of privacy. Some children go home and don't return for the remainder of the day or develop stomach-aches and other problems due to the lack of facilities.

We need to raise around 730 Euros for each toilet block. Therefore to build 100 toilet blocks should cost around 73,000 Euros.

We are working closely with Circlers in India to build these blocks. Ladies Circle India are identifying suitable schools with the applications being reviewed by the Ladies Circle India Project Convenor, the Project SARIS Co-ordinator and the National Charities Officer in Great Britain and Ireland prior to approval.

The progress of each building project is also being monitored by the same team to ensure that the toilets are completed in a satisfactory manner.

We have now also received permission from the Indian Government to send funds into India over the next 2 years and we are ready to commence building.

In January 2008, at the Ladies Circle India AGM in Goa, we released the process for applications and explained to the Circlers that whilst we were confident in reaching the target, we could not sanction applications until funds had been raised and that some applications may not be sanctioned until later in the project.

The Project is also trying to match fund raising Circles with Circles in India to enable the fund raising Circles to find out about the school where their toilet block is being built. The fund raising Circle will get a progress report and, where possible, their name placed on the building. Where Circles have a desire to have their toilet block built in a specific area of India we will do our utmost to meet this request.

Progress to the 16th June 2008

The Project Team are thrilled to have so far been able sanction 15 toilet blocks for a variety of schools due to funds already submitted via the international treasurer . and we await the results of other AGMs in the next few months These range from small schools of 120 children, to large schools of 400 children and to a residential school for orphans.

The Project is currently looking to sanction up to 60 toilet blocks from funds raised. (Full details of funds raised is included with this report)

These applications include:

Location /school	Ladies circle in India	Brief Description
Kadakinaru village	Madurou Ladies circle (8)	School built in 1961 and currently has 52 children
Nagar, Mysore	Mysore Ladies Circle (9)	Government school which includes a hostel for girls with 100 children. Mysore Round Table are also building classrooms and a study room at this school
Sundapalayam Village	Coimbatore Metropolitan Ladies Circle (23)	This school started 70 years ago and is in the process of moving to new premises. The school has around 490 students of which half are girls and there are no toilets. Coimbatore are also raising funds to build a toilet block for boys (separate from this project)
RamnagarUttarbagh	Calcutta Central Ladies Circle (27)	This school started in 2002 and has 120 children with an additional 50 children starting this year. The school has children from very poor families and provides free education, food and uniform to the children. This toilet will be built alongside the 5 classrooms being built by Calcutta Ladies Circle and Round Table
ValappadiTaluk	Salem Ladies Circle (28)	This is a school where deaf dumb and blind children live and learn. There are currently 70 children and no proper facilities. The school has managed to secure land and is currently constructing a building with proper rooms for boys and girls. A girls toilet will help this project move forward
Sekharipuram Village	Palakkad Ladies Circle (34)	100 children attend this school and it is the only Government school in the area
Uttarpara Girls High School	Calcutta Park Street Ladies Circle (46)	This is a High School for girls established in 1940 with 1400 students and as they expand their buildings it is essential that sufficient hygiene facilities are built for these girls
Hinga ,Nagpur	Nagpur Ladies Circle (50)	This school is 10 years old. 2 years ago the school buildings were replaced by Nagpur Round table and Nagpur Ladies Circle have

		given hepatitis vaccinations to all school children. The parents of many of these children are daily workers in a nearby industrial town
Kuntamukkala Village	Vijayawada Ladies Circle (52)	Local village school
Sanjeeninagan , Bangalore	Bangalore Midtown Ladies Circle (54)	This school was built in 2006 and has 450 children
Doddabetinahobe, Hoskote	Bangalore South Ladies Circle (66)	This school was started in 2001 by Round Table and requires a girls toilet block
Gopirasapuram PUE school	Coimbatore ACME Ladies Circle (85)	100 girls attend this school which currently does not have a toilet block
Kottayam	Kottayam Rubber Town Ladies Circle (86)	This is a Government school with 10 teachers and around 103 children from families with financial difficulties. A toilet block will considerably improve the facilities for the girls who range from 5-15 years
BithorKalan	Kanpur Heritage Ladies Circle (88)	This school was built by Round Table in 2000 and has 10 classrooms with 300 boys and 150 girls studying at this school. There are no toilet facilities for the girls
VPU School Chennai City	Madras Anchorage Ladies Circle (92)	This school has 150 students with no running water or toilet facilities. This project will allow us to provide toilet facilities and running water to this school
Karanpur	Dehradun Ladies Circle (106)	This school is currently being refurbished by Dehradun Ladies Circle. There are 215 students and 11 teachers and they hope that by improving the facilities it will encourage more children to attend the school. A mid day meal is given to all students which is prepared in the very hygienic school kitchen

On 15th June 2008 at 5pm Indian time we inaugurated our first toilet block this was in Salem, the funding from this block was raised by Maidenhead Ladies circle no 367 in GB&I whilst we still await the completion report I enclose the details of the inauguration from LC India 28 Salem

"Our Project was inaugurated by Mr.Asir Nalla Thambi

He is the President and the Founder of Tamilnadu Association of Blind

He is Blind and Deaf. Our Project became very meaningful as we construct the Toilet Block for the Girls Blind School. We all are Very Happy as Our Project went to the needy people at the needy time.

Thanks to all the persons who directly and indirectly helped us for achieving a Good task.

3 Cheers to LC India and LC International

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I attach photos at the end of this report

This project is now moving forward quickly since its start at the AGM in Tallinn and I look forward to reporting more progress at the international council meeting and AGM in Aberdeen

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Photos from some of the schools







Opening of Toilet Block By LC 28 Salem

