

Your Donations will be used for-

1. Making Toilets for Poor Villagers to eliminate open defecation

We have been helping villagers in Kameswaram move towards a safer and hygienic lifestyle. As a part of this effort we organise the building of ecological toilets, which are suitable for coastal regions.

2. Repairing the houses and toilets affected by the Gaja cyclone

Kameswaram was devastated by the cyclone Gaja in November 2018. A major portion of trees were uprooted, and houses of many villagers were damaged severely. FIN has identified vulnerable women-led households in dire need of help in rebuilding their lives. This is where your contributions will be useful to rebuild their homes and toilets.

3. Re-Installing Public waste collection bins destroyed by Gaja cyclone

Kameswaram Village has embraced our intervention in waste management and are using our household waste tins. They were also using our waste-collector friendly public waste bins – but these were all destroyed by the Gaja cyclone. Thus, public waste collection bins have to be installed again at public places like ponds, parks, bus stops across the village in continuation of this intervention for efficient waste collection.

4. Cleaning and Painting Bus Stops

We have used bus stops to build community engagement for bringing social and behavioural change in the village. Bus stops are cleaned and painted to be attractive and places of civic pride. We want to paint more bus stops with motivational stories about waste management.

5. Community Meetings with the Village Action Group

The Gaja cyclone revealed the total lack of a voluntary village support system. Except for a handful of villagers, most did not reach out to help their neighbours. Everyone waited for outsiders to help them collectively. Hence, to tackle future catastrophes better, and to build a sense of community engagement, we are creating a community action group. The community action group will meet once a month to undertake a charitable task collectively (e.g. building public waste bins, or cleaning the beach) in the morning and they will be given a training workshop in the afternoon that will improve their livelihoods generation and/or quality of life (e.g. first aid training). They will also be provided snacks and lunch.



Your donations will help to create a team of community volunteers who are motivated and trained to reach out to the other villagers irrespective of caste, creed, religion and/or social status.