

Message
from the Chairman, Indian Ocean Disaster Relief

As Managing Director of Grange Hotels and Chairman of the Indian Ocean Disaster Relief Charity I am delighted to be involved with Child Aid Lanka. These days our television screens provide graphic reminders of hazards to children's lives, particularly following natural and other disasters.

The recent Tsunami in Java, the tragedies unfolding in Africa where world attention never remains long enough and the unacceptable and shameful horrors in Lebanon where the human and other consequences are not yet fully known, but most of the suffering and fatalities are borne by women and children provide clear impetus for us to help.

The Indian Ocean Disaster Relief charity's task is not so much to convince the public that children are suffering, but to demonstrate that we can do something positive. To bring hope where there is none. Unless we show how action can make a difference people tend to despair, become resigned, or blame communities or others: even children themselves. The Indian Ocean Disaster Relief charity aims to provide solutions and relief to children's problems, especially in the Indian Ocean region.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Tony Matharu

Chairman
Indian Ocean Disaster Relief