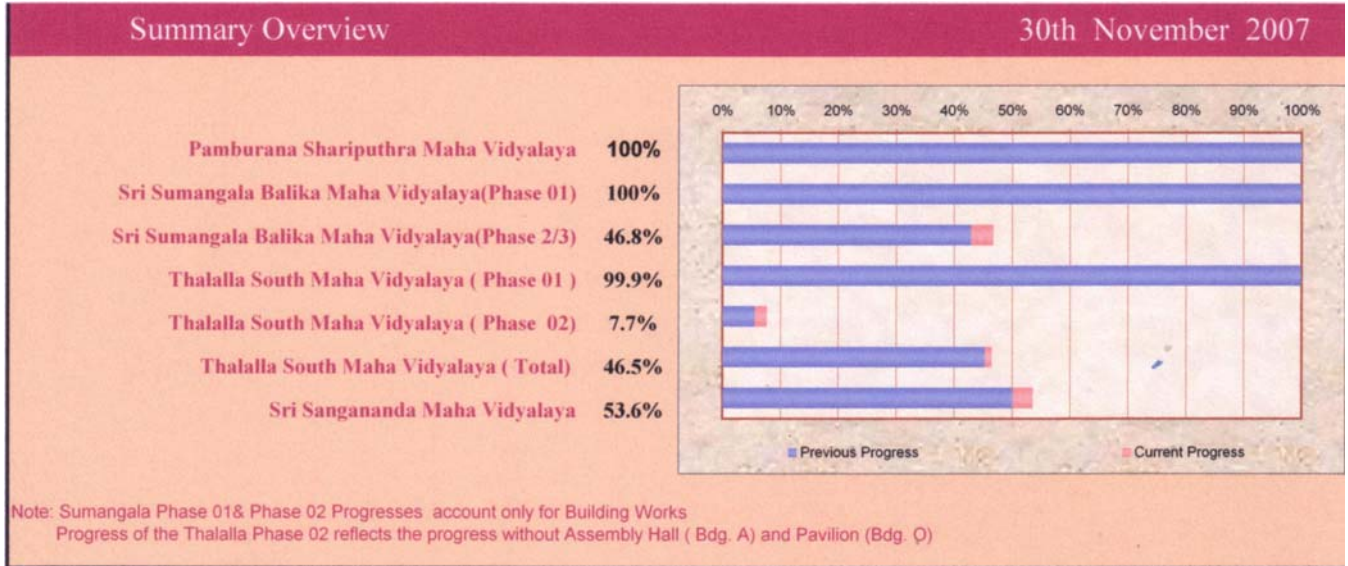


## Status of Swiss School Programme in Matara

### End of November 2007

In **Matara District**, the rehabilitation and reconstruction are well on the way for six post-Tsunami schools, as the three remaining SDC school have all passed 50 % of completion as per attached graph.



During the year 2007, an in-kind donation by HOLCIM of a value of 50'000 Swiss francs has permitted to reduce the construction costs of the four SDC projects.

**1) Shariputra (Matara) - SDC Project:** The school was handed over on May 18<sup>th</sup> in the presence of H.E. Mrs Ruth Flint, Ambassador of Switzerland in Sri Lanka. Children are using now a new Toilet Block and a 2-storey building with 12 classrooms. Works started in June 2006 and were finished in April 2007, slightly delayed in reference to the original construction schedule because of a late rainy season. Total number of students: 1'300, tsunami affected students from other schools: 300 out of 1'300.

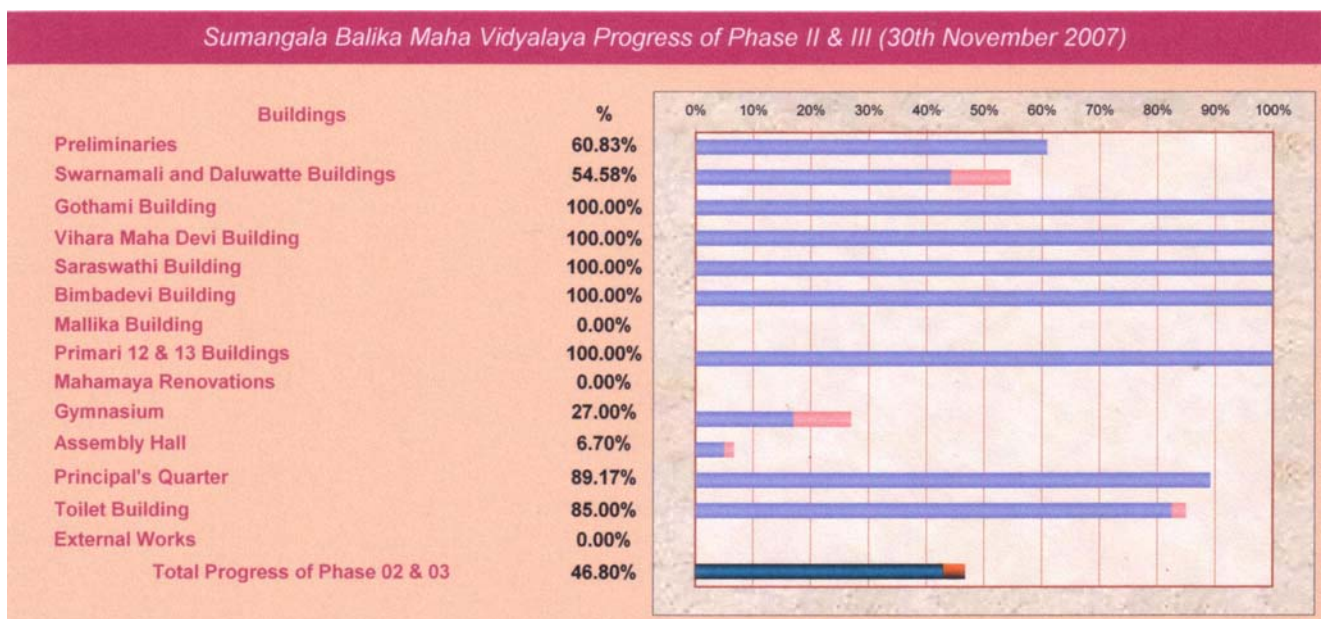


A total of 253'000 Swiss francs has been spent for this project, which represents 84% of the Credit Proposal submitted by SDC Sri Lanka to Bern (Original total amount: 275'000 Swiss francs). A French NGO, la "Chaîne de l'Espoir", has taken over the responsibility to provide additional furniture, such as chairs and desks.

**2) Sumangala (Weligama) - SDC Project:** 5 buildings were renovated with a new Toilet Block during the first phase and have been handed over on March 16, 2007. The contractor in charge of phase 2 and 3 is ahead of his work schedule, and 6 renovated buildings with new extension to one building have been handed over already.

The renovation of the former main building is going on fast, and will be ready for handing over end of December 2007. The construction of a new Assembly Hall and a new Gymnasium is progressing well. It is anticipated that the works will be finished in the first quarter of 2008. Actual total number of students: 2'580, tsunami affected students 480

**Old Main Building under renovation**



### **New Assembly Hall under construction**



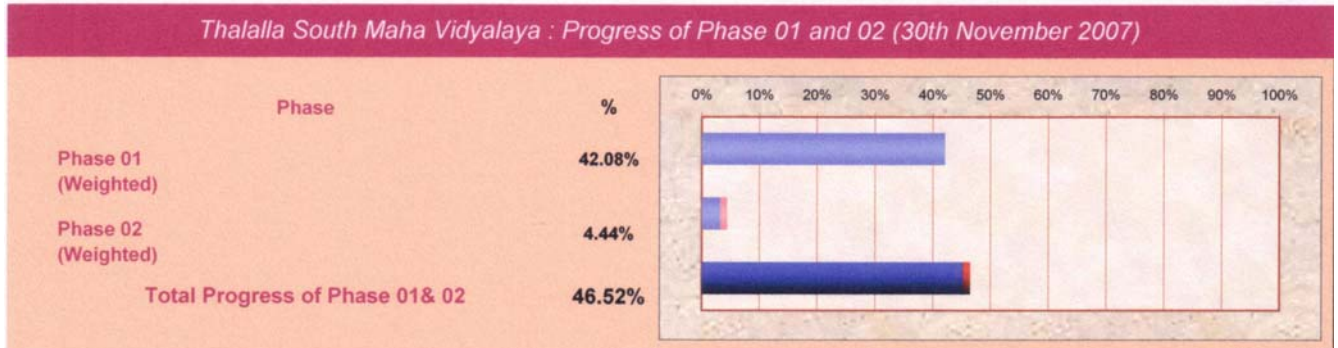
### **New Gym Hall under construction**



As of end of November 2007, a total amount of 170'000 Swiss Francs out of a total budget of 275'000 Swiss Francs had been spent for Phase 1 (62 %) whereas a total of 497'000 Swiss Francs had been spent for Phase III, from a budget of 806'000 Swiss Francs (62 %).

The cost for electrical works, of former phase two and actual phase three will be charged to phase one, in accordance with the Credit Proposal of phase one containing all electrical works for the school.

**3) Thalalla – SDC Project:** The work is progressing well, with all buildings built or rehabilitated in the first phase handed over to the school early October – this includes a toilet block, an Assembly Hall, 2 new 2-storey buildings and a home science lab. Soon after the first set of buildings has been handed over, the rehabilitation of the existing buildings started. The works will be finished in the first half of 2008. Total number of students: 600, tsunami affected 600



**Classroom bloc “G” with 8 classrooms**



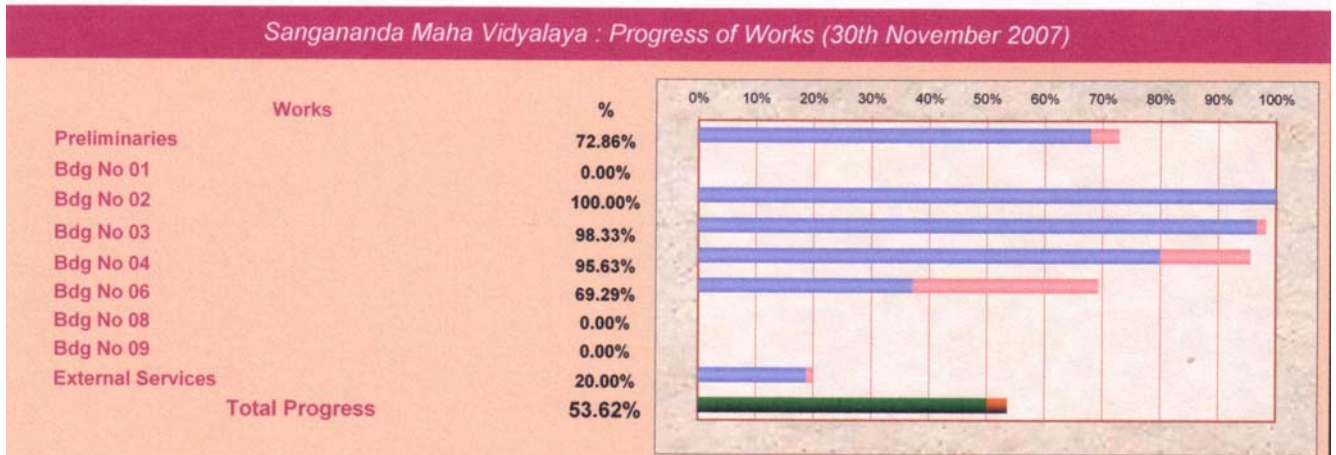
**Building J (left) Building H (right) and Classroom block K at the rear, ready for handing over**



As of end of November 2007, a total amount of 528'000 Swiss Francs out of a total budget of 1'170'000 Swiss Francs had been spent for Phase 1 (45 %).

**4) Sangananda – SDC Project:** The retaining walls around the compound are almost finished, and the Toilet Block, 1 two-storey classroom block and Laboratory/Vocational Training building will be handed over December 08, 2007. The contractor has now started phase 2: the renovation of the old classroom building, old home science unit and the construction of a new library and entrance to the school.

The pupils have now been transferred to the new classrooms, which will permit the rehabilitation of the existing building. The building works are expected to be finished in February / March 2008 and external works in April. Total number of students: 400, 150 from Denuwale School (destroyed by the tsunami)



As of end of November 2007, a total amount of 357'000 Swiss Francs within a total budget of 675'000 Swiss Francs had been spent for the project (53 %).

