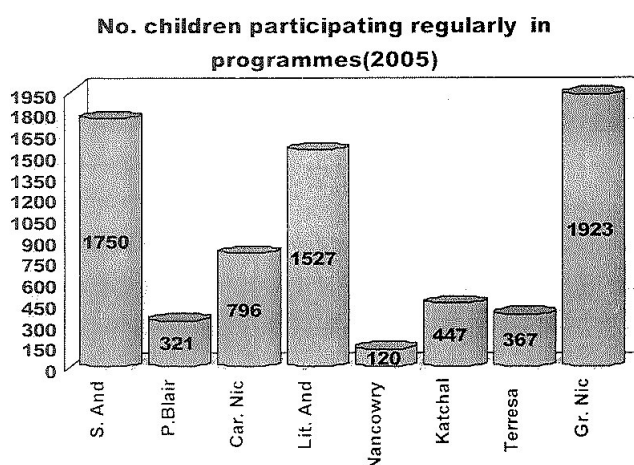


CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Butterflies had started with 69 Children Development Centre (CDC) in different villages/intermediate shelters throughout the Tsunami affected areas of the archipelago. As on December 2005, around 7251 children, across the islands, had been included in this programme (Refer fig. below).

The original proposal was to operate 85 CDC. The scaling down was necessitated by the fact that working in Nancowry was resource intensive and required commitments beyond the present project scope. Furthermore, the administrative issues of access to tribal permits, transportation etc caused additional hindrances. Thus Butterflies made an exit from Nancowry in September 2006 and from Great Nicobar in February 2008.



Butterflies strongly considers itself as partners with the Panchayat Raj Institutions/Tribal councils in developing child friendly villages and ensuring that the children's rights are protected and respected in the given areas. Butterflies initiative is to involve PRI members, Tribal council members and VECs all over the target area to address child protection issues.

At present Butterflies work in 32 CDCs in 31 villages (13 in South Andaman, 12 in Little Andaman and **seven in Car Nicobar**). These centres are facilitated and monitored by the Butterflies field staff, CDW, CDO, and Field Coordinator.