

# US Supports Young Filmmakers

Three new films focussing on key issues in Sri Lanka premiered in Colombo recently and were screened across the districts of Galle, Matara and Hambantota.

Each of the films examines issues related to conflict or violence within the tsunami-affected South and in one case underscores the role of poverty. USAID's Office of Transition initiatives, which trained 75 aspiring cinematographers from tsunami-affected in all areas of filmmaking sponsored the screenings. We believe that youth can take a lead role in promoting peace and reducing ethnic tension and conflict in Sri Lanka," Dr Carol Becker, USAID Mission Director said at the premier.