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Document Information

Meeting :	Northern Forum 2009				
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Type:	Conference				
Purpose:	Improve Coordination, Facilitation and Networking among agencies, groups and individuals working in the Humanitarian Sector				
Meeting Date:	6 Nov 09	Start Time:	8.30 am	End Time:	9.45 am
Venue	CARITAS SEDEC				
Meeting Chair:	Mr F Hashim Deputy Executive Director - CHA	Facilitator	CHA		
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Present

Organisation	Organisation	Organisation
IHR	Christian Aid	DRC
NPSL	NDI	WUSC
SLRCS	CARE	IFRC
LST	CAM	IMADR
Oferr	ASB	Practical Action
SCISL	War Child Canada	Maltesar Int
NDI	Muslim Aid	Internews
Caritas	Pulse Sri Lanka	AJJDC
CPA	SDC	

Agenda No	Subject	Action by/ date
1	<p>Presentation on returns and resettlement in the North - Steve Ray – Deputy Head UNOCHA -</p> <p>The accelerated returns began on 22 October for 30 days lead by the Northern Task Force for Resettlement development and security .Return of approximately</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return of 41,685 persons • Vavuniya (4 DS Divisions and 8,643 people) • Mannar (2 DS Divisions and 6,631 people) • Mullaitivu (3 DS Divisions and 16,394 people) • Killinochchi (2 DS Divisions and 10,017 people) <p>The GA of the respective districts were instructed to provide the facilities for their return and ensure the relief packages and entitlements are received by the families The statistics of Resettlement to date and remaining IDPs in camps were highlighted.</p> <p>General Activities: Demining by SLA and Halo Trust, DDG, MAG, Horizon, FSD Inter Agency (UN) Assessments Support to Returnees UN Agencies, IOM, (DRC & FORUT – Jaffna)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return kits • Establishing communal shelters with water and sanitation facilities • Dry food rations (and complementary food in Jaffna) <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring safe, dignified and voluntary returns to the Vanni • Accelerated returns and concerns as to whether transit buildings and other areas are safe to return i.e. not cleared of mines and UXO. • Closed transit camps • Not sufficient capacity at collection centres/temporary communal shelters in return areas for returnees • Capacity of demining agencies who are being ask to move into Vanni areas • Mine Risk Education needs to be expanded and accelerated in camps and amongst returnee populations • Lack of timely and clear information from PTF/GAs on resettlement plans • Access to return areas and the involvement of I/NGOs? • Onset of monsoon rains • Destroyed infrastructure in return areas • Lack of information to and participation of IDPs in returns/resettlement processes <p>More details are available in the presentation on the web</p>	
2.	<p>Presentation on Children Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Vavuniya IDP camps – Thatparan Jeganathan - Head of Child Protection - Save the Children Sri Lanka</p> <p>Areas of focus of Save the Children in Sri Lanka was highlighted . He further explained the objectives of CFS, principles of CFS and the impact of conflict and Development and the process of CFS .</p> <p>Further information is available in the presentation on the web.</p>	

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