

 <p>CONSORTIUM OF CHA HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES</p>	<p>Meeting : Easter Forum</p> <p>Date 9 October 2009</p>	
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Document Information

Meeting :	Eastern Forum 2009				
Prepared By/ Date:	Ravi				
Type:	Conference				
Purpose:	Improve Coordination, Facilitation and Networking among agencies, groups and individuals working in the Humanitarian Sector				
Meeting Date:	9 Oct 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		
Minute Taker:	Ravi	Phone:	4610943		

Present

Organisation	Organisation	Organisation
WFP	UNFPA	UNOCHA
Oferr	IFRC	UMCOR
Internews	Helpage	ADT
IMADR	JKOA	CIDA
CTF	IHR	Sarvodaya
LWR	Maltesar Int	ASB
French Embassy	ADT	WUSC
CARM	Caritas	Pulse Sri Lanka
LEADS	CASA	Christian Aid

Agenda No	Subject	Action by/ date
1	<p>Advocacy update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On behalf of LEADS, CHA upon recommendation of the Ministry of Resettlement, contacted the GA Vavuniya to assist with the identification of disabled and elderly in Menik Farm to be provided shelter out of an available 200 shelters, provided by LEADS. • The Ministry of Social Services was also contacted by CHA, urging for there to be a focus to meet the entitlements, needs and services of disabled persons in to be taken out Menik Farm to home districts and homes.. • Under the Juvenile Justice programme - Suntel has offered CHA 12 video conference facilities of which CHA would like to lend and have 9 installed in provincial courts to facilitate the provision of evidence from children undergoing court procedures. • A framework was developed to further strengthen the Befriender's services currently in process at the juvenile courts in Bambalapitiya. Volunteer befrienders are active on five days or more, assisting children and their guardians in the court processes in terms of psycho-emotional needs and assisting them with making appropriate the best decisions in the interest of the children. • Visits to Probation homes by Committee appointed by respective Ministers - • The promotion of e-learning for probation homes. • Five insurance companies have been contacted by CHA with regards to insurance policy holders in the Vanni. As many fled in haste, damages and destruction to assets may have gone unreported, yet the circumstances today may be the same. It is on these grounds that CHA enquired as to whether such companies have looked into providing assistance to affected individuals. 	
2.	<p>Coordination with EPC for development</p> <p>Hashim shared information about the Geography, Topography and demographical details of the province . Details were highlighted about Education Health and social services in the District . The Provincial council and the ministries within the council were also highlighted.</p> <p>A meeting was held on 30th September with the provincial council and I / NGOs to look at coordination the work of NGOs with the EPC.</p> <p>Key issues raised by the EPC</p>	

Appreciation of NGO Contribution
Need for efficient Road Network
Upgrade Hospitals
Utilise 450 Km Sea Belt effectively
No Fishing Harbour
Assistance for Higher Education
Enhance IT and English
49,000 Widows in the province
Rehabilitation of ex-combatants
Livelihood sector improvement
Employment opportunities need to be created

The key outcomes were
Coordination Mechanism
Establishment of Secretariats
Ministerial Assistance
Information Sharing
District Meetings

The more details are available in the presentation

**Internews –Lifeline Humanitarian Information Service
Providing Information to IDPs - Fiona Barton Resident Advisor**

Fiona Barton explained about Internews, Lifeline and the services it provides to IDPs in the North and east. She explained they are not a media and do not report on conflict but provide information to IDPs. More details are available in the presentation.

**Gender Based Violence Forum and activities - Kamani Jinadasa –
GBV forum Facilitator - UNFPA**

Kamani Jinadasa gave a brief on the history and objectives of the GBV forum. The explained further the scope of the work and the way forward.

Saama Rajakaruna explained about the Joint Campaigns during the 16 Days of Activism in November Against Gender-Based held from 2005-2008 under different themes and the activities carried out each year. The highlights of these activities over the years was displayed. Special feature was the Violence Against Women Hurts Us All..... ACT NOW – End Violence Against Women in 2008 painted on special buses and the drivers and conductors gender sensitization workshop held. More details are available in the presentation