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Document Information

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Purpose:	Improve Coordination, Facilitation and Networking among agencies, groups and individuals working in the Humanitarian Sector				
Meeting Date:	5 th June 09	Start Time:	8.30 am	End Time:	9.45 am
Venue	CARITAS SEDEC				
Meeting Chair:	Mr Stanley Joseph :ZOA	Facilitator	CHA		
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Present

Organisation	Organisation	Organisation
Muslim Aid	USAID	ZOA
Caritas	Non violent peace force	FAO
Internews	SEDEC	RDF
UNHCR	MCSL	LEADS
UMCOR	World Vision	Helpage SL
SDC	Help from Germany	CPA
Islamic Relief	ADT	HDI
IRC	JEN	LWR
Americares	CIDA	CAFOD
WUSC	People in Need	SLRCS
GAA	IFRC	CPA
Methodist Church	CHA	REDR
CPA (legal Unit)	Malteser International	Sewalanka
Acted	WFP	CTF
CAM	AJJDC	Relief Int
CASA	ASB/Solidar	CSL- Sedec

Agenda No	Subject	Action by/ date
1.	<p>Feedbacks and Updates</p> <p>Advocacy</p> <p>Following points were presented by Nayomi</p> <p>IDP concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CHA has been advocating for the early return of IDPs with assistance from UNHCR. A meeting took place with Basil Rajapakshe regarding this matter. His response was to commence the process in Vavuniya, Mannar and Jaffna, starting with the old IDPs thereby creating the pull factors for the 292K new IDP's. He also made references to the following issues; the restoration of fisheries, farming, education, a clear cut move from rations, return rights for Muslims in Mannar/Jaffna, and for the Sinhalese from eastern border villages and so forth. Parallel to this the Government would be looking at issues of loans and credit facilities to address infrastructure needs. Basil Rajapakshe was very clear on the administrative and leading roles that should be adopted. Concern was expressed for the 700,000 people displaced in the North in addition to the recently displaced 292,000 persons, whose vulnerability and circumstances also needed critical addressing. <p>Environmental Concerns in the camps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open toilet pits overflowing need to be monitored and closed down or else it will cause a health disaster ▪ Open drains with stagnant water and raw garbage and grey water may even have faecal matter. ▪ All zones have this problem and flies and maggots are all over these areas. Now as there is some wind it is 'bearable' to some extent. But from July winds will cease and the flies will settle on everything & everyone. <p>These issues require collective efforts, hence CHA urgently welcomes agencies to come forward to raise this issue & prevent ongoing occurrence</p>	CHA
2	<p>Presentation on the activities of LEADS undertaken to support the IDPs in Vavuniya</p> <p>Nadhisha made a presentation on Leads activities in the IDP camps in Vavuniya.</p> <p>She briefed about Leads Mission and Mandate, thereafter she</p>	

	<p>explained the following activities carried out in Vavuniya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Present displacement statistics (source : United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs From 27 Oct 08 – 28 May 2009) 276,785 persons have crossed over to Govt. controlled areas from conflict zones ▪ 274,468 people are accommodated in temporary camps ▪ 2 families to a tent. Approx. 41 persons to a toilet. 300 persons to one common bathing area. Overcrowded camps ▪ About 1/3rd of lactating mothers are under weight. Over 1/3rd of pregnant women are at risk. 40% of pregnant women, children under five and 50% lactating women are anemic. 40% of Adult female and 22% of adults male are underweight <p><i>Leads responds</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing supplementary. food and management of community kitchens for over 53,000 persons daily since March 09 in several zones in Menik Farm ▪ Managing the kitchens.... ▪ Tents and utensils for the kitchens are provided by ZOA ▪ Food provisions – Dry rations – WFP ▪ Complimentary food – World vision. Veg, coconut, spices – LEADS. Water and firewood – GoSL ▪ Initiation of kitchen, community facilitation and handing over to other stake holders (setting up and organizing the communal cooking etc.) ▪ Distribution of food to the kitchens in time, organize the people, handle issues and short comings in running the kitchens. <p><i>Challenges</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constantly fluctuating numbers per kitchen • Distances between kitchens • Community facilitation for cooking • Lack of water facilities • Lack of provisions of food • Lack in control of the people due to over crowded camps • Attention and special facilities for people with disability – accessibility and conditions ; Land required 	<p>Leads</p>
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	<p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the reason for starting the Kitchen facility in one place & moving to the other zone by handing over to NGOs? <p>Since we get the permission, Leads to & do the initial part and once it's stable, we move to the other zone by handing over to another NGO who would like to continue the work.</p> <p>“Brief update of the vehicles restrictions being lifted and the new access and security procedures in place at the relief villages in Vavuniya Manik Farm Zone 1- 4" - UNDSS</p> <p>Chris du toit brief about the security procedures. Access to Manik farm & security check points Following key points were explained by him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be no restrictions on number of vehicles entering the IDP camps. - Vehicles should not move in convoys or enter in convoys into the IDP camps. - Vehicles flags should be removed in the IDP camps. - Vehicles are not allowed to move with single drivers. Must have an international staff present in the vehicle. - No IDP's are allowed under any circumstances in vehicles. Vehicles should use lateral roads for parking and not park along main roads to obstruct traffic. - Military might provide escort vehicles. Military or police personnel will not be present in UN vehicles but might escort the vehicles by other means. - No driving allowed inside the tent areas amongst the tents. - No staff is allowed to enter tents. - Access cards will be issued to national staff. - If UN staff experiencing difficulties, should not turn away from IDP camps but contact UNDSS to coordinate with the military contacts on access. <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psychosocial needs to be obtain permission from MOD and it's not yet granted. Are you aware of it? No - A new site has been identified to relocate the IDPs. What are your recommendations? Needs to look into security & protection of IDPs 	<p>UNDSS</p>
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	<p>Muslim Aid’s emergency response in the North - Muslim Aid Sri Lanka</p> <p>Kevin briefed on their activities in the North.</p> <p>The Muslim Aid emergency team has been trained by its partner Global Medic to use water purifying systems capable to producing thousands of litres an hour in even the most difficult circumstances. In addition to water, MASL has also provided assistance in the form of dry rations, cooked food and hygiene packs to survivors of natural disasters as well as Internally Displaced Persons.</p> <p>Under emergency program Muslim aid is working in Jaffna, Vavuniya- Manik farm, and Pulmodai – Trincomalee\</p> <p>In Vavuniya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total Number of IDPs in Menik Farm – 225877 persons (as at May 27, 2009) • Zone Zero 21,602 • Zone One 37,102 • One Two 75,564 • Zone Three 39,434 • Zone Four 52,175 <p>Medical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Mobile Field Hospitals (Zone 2 & 4)- Each with a capacity to handle 2000 patients a day – CHA & Ministry of Health • Services of 2 ambulances to transport patients from the camp to external hospitals • Provision of medicines and medical equipment <p>Water & sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplying up to 60,000 litres of clean drinking water a day with our 3 bowsers and NOMAD water purification machine • We have distributed about 10,000 bottles of drinking water so far • We are constructing 62 toilets in Zone 2 <p>In Pulmodai- Trincomalee</p> <p>An estimated 7000 people are currently living at the camp site</p> <p>Food & water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of food for 2200 IDPs for a period of 8 days in Pulmudai, where an estimated 7,000 refugees are camped • 1 bowser is supplying upto 6000 litres of water per day to the camp 	<p>Muslim Aid</p>
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In Jaffna

- 11162 in 13 Welfare Centres

NFI Distribution in Vavuniya, Trinco & Jaffna

- Hygiene kits
- Clothes
- Cooking utensils
- Sleeping kits
- Corrugated cartons to pack 40,000 loaves of bread
- Local donations of more than 9000 packs of Biscuits and 765 kgs of dates
- 500 tins of canned fish

Future Plans

- Resettlement
- Creating People Accelerating Towards Human Synergy (PATHS) links
- Creating child friendly spaces
- Helping war affected children to rebuild their lives
- Supply 150 more beds to the Mannar Hospital
- Acquire one more bowser from UMCOR to deliver water at Menik Farm

AOB/ Announcements

- Americares operation is scaling down and advertised its equipments and supplies for donations
- REDR trainings in Jaffna were announced.