

CHA - PROMOTING VOLUNTEERISM

CHA has over 10 years of experience in identifying stakeholders of different sectors, and building and maintaining partnerships to deliver services to those in need in an efficient manner.

We are used to having volunteers coming forward to assist in projects from days gone by and these persons have taken a major role in the development of our country, but recently their numbers have reduced dramatically. The scars of natural disasters always last longer than the headlines though and volunteering in Sri Lanka is still one of the best ways to Help recover.

Anyone with a desire to volunteer in Sri Lanka can choose from community, conservation, building and teaching projects across the country on projects like [community work in coastal Sri Lanka](#), [sea turtle conservation](#) and [building homes for orphans etc.](#) Given the current political and development environment in Sri Lanka, volunteering is an approach whose time has come. At this juncture, carefully focused resources could have a big impact on the quality, co-ordination and promotion of volunteerism as a development intervention in Sri Lanka. Any person who feels that she/he wants to give of his time and energies as a volunteer can team up with a local organization who are always on the look out for such persons.

Our Objectives:

We are currently focusing on children, elderly, the disabled, women, displaced, prisoners, slum dwellers, workers and families in the plantation sector and those living in poverty or suffering from deprivation and loss as a consequence of conflict or disaster. We are addressing these needs through linking with organizations/individuals possessing the time, resources and capacity to assist and advocate to this end CHA has begun: Identifying such groups and their needs Disseminating needs identified with relevant individuals/organizations through events/avenues within and external to CHA. Identifying such groups and their needs Disseminating needs identified with relevant individuals/organizations through events/avenues within and external to CHA



Volunteers:

CHA is seeking the help of volunteers who are interested in assisting us in our ventures and to Support and Promote Value-based Voluntarism in order to fight poverty and disadvantage and build social cohesion.

We are also looking for volunteers to support with the development of focal points for volunteering on national and districts or provincial level in Sri Lanka. The objective is to enhance and improve volunteer engagement for development in Sri Lanka. The focal point could include some or all of the following: Host and expand a network on volunteerism to exchange knowledge and experience. Promotion of volunteer work

Empower and advise organizations who want to enhance and improve volunteer engagement. Provide a range of recourses around working with volunteers. Provide training of trainers, for example on subjects like recruitment, volunteer management and coaching of volunteers. Provide guidance on and promote inclusive volunteering.

Volunteer Programme Development & Management (VDMP)

A 10day Training/workshop was held in the Philippines. VPDM course was a good eye opener and we have a challenge at hand on how to translate the learning into action within our own context in SL.

CHA & its involvements: We with the help of our staff and volunteers are involved in working with :need to say how for each. Women at the Methsevana Women's Detention Centre, Children, Elders, Ex combatants, Prisoners, Angoda Hospital - Forensic Ward (Male & Female) Identified tenements (slums) in and around Colombo Distress Lines-explain function of distress lines.

We will ensure the smooth functioning through

District Hub activities; Networking Activities; Capacity Building & Advisory Services; Promotional Activities;



86, Rosmead Place, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka

Phone: 0114626100

contact persons: Manorie/Suba

E-mail: managerhr@cha.lk /hrgm@cha.lk