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## Restoring Dignity and Protection of Conflict Affected Persons

**Jaffna – Dairy Production** – Arrangement was made to market products since regular productions started. The initial target for the project is 300 packets per day; discussion was held with the Director of Education to market the products at schools in the Jaffna zone.

The final narrative and financial report were sent to the Royal Netherlands Embassy.

## Vocational Training Centres and PHC

**Vavuniya – Livelihood** – A Nursing Training Programme commenced in Zone 02, Manik Farm. Trainees are provided with on-the-job training at the Primary Health Care Centre established by CHA in Manik Farm. Trained trainees support the health programme and are gaining practical training at the centre. A total of 40 trainees benefit from the programme. National Apprentice Training Authority is facilitating the programme.

**Language Training** – CHA commenced a language training programme for youths in Zone 04, Manik Farm. A total of 100 students were selected into two batches, and the first batch started their training this month. The programme is technically facilitated by National Apprentice Training Authority.

**Jaffna – Livelihood** – A meeting was held with the Jaffna GA to commence the vocational training at welfare centres and resettled locations. The plan, which was developed with NAITA, was shared. The GA has made the request to start the programme in resettled location and has assured to give the

exact location to start the programme.

A Career Guidance Programme was held for IDPs in welfare centres. Discussions were held with NAITA Jaffna with regard to starting the programme and was also discussed at the meeting with the GA.

## Primary Healthcare Units and Health Clinics

**Vavuniya** – Continued support was provided to run daily clinics in three PHCs and one referral centre in Manik Farm. Administration staff was paid by the CHA–Mercy Malaysia Programme. Waiting areas were completed and coverings for centres including, Zone 01, were established. Five to eight doctors were placed in the CHA MM residence per week by the MOH; all transport, accommodation, and meals were provided. Monitoring visit was made by the ED and Manager. The residence will be upgraded, special staff will be hired to maintain, and report daily.

The Health Centres in Zones 02 and 03 are functioning with the coordination of the MoD.

Zone 02 – Block 39		Zone 03 – Block 31	
Date	No. of Patients	Date	No. of Patients
01 <sup>st</sup> to 03 <sup>rd</sup> Sep.	387	01 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	1490
07 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	673	14 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	65
14 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	160	20 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	70
20 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep.	601	21 <sup>st</sup> Sep.	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>1821</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1677</b>

**Special Clinics – Mental Health Programme** – It is planned to conduct mental health programmes in Zones 02, 03, and 04 at Manik Farm. Possible interventions and therapy will be given to identified people at the selected locations through special programmes.

**Nutritional Programme for Pregnant Mothers** – Arrangements were made to provide nutritional food to pregnant mothers to 500 mothers initially, in Zones 02 and 03 at Manik Farm.

**Eye Clinic** – The fourth Eye Clinic was conducted on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September in Zones 02 and 03 of Manik Farm. Four Opticians from Eric Rajapaksa Opticians attended the clinic and over 1,000 patients attended it. Necessary spectacles were also provided with funding from AMAF.

Zones 02 and 03		
Date	Zone and Block No.	No. of Patients
16 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	Zone 02; Block 39	227
17 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	Zone 02; Block 39	318
16 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	Zone 03; Block 23	157
18 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	Zone 03; Block 23	328
<b>Total</b>		<b>1030</b>

**Jaffna – Construction of the Temporary Ward** – Construction of the temporary ward is 80 per cent completed in the Chavakachcheri Hospital. This AMAF funded project is implemented by RDHS Jaffna through the Hospital Development Society.



**Nutritional Programme** – The programme is aimed to provide nutritional food to pregnant mothers in IDP camps in Jaffna. The RDHS Jaffna requested that the programme commence from the 01<sup>st</sup> of October.

**Eye Clinic** – Discussion were held with the Director of Education to conduct an eye clinic for war effected students. The Education Department will collect details of students in need and the programme is planned to be conducted in October. Name lists are being collected from IDP camps to

conduct the clinics and provide spectacles. Eric Rajapakse Opticians will conduct the clinics and all arrangements are underway.

### Kallady Toilet Construction

**Trincomalee – Kallady Toilet Construction** – The constructed toilets in Kallady were officially handed over to beneficiaries. A total of 53 resettled families were recipient of the toilets, with funding from Operation US.



### Sustainable Livelihood Development in Sri Lanka (Follow-on Programme)

**Kalutara** – The Kalutara centre was open for sales on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. At the moment there are six members of staff working at the centre.



**Tangalle** – On applying the new monitoring system, it was noted that the daily sales collection had improved. A visit was conducted to monitor progress of the centre. Sales targets,



contracts, and certificates will be provided to all staff in Tangalle and similar targets will be provided in Kalutara.

**Matara** – Activities at the Matara centre are progressing mainly with the sale of raw mushrooms. The staff came down to ITI for a one-day workshop on producing mushroom sausages, which will be introduced to the market very soon. Necessary steps are being taken to develop the packaging for the mushroom drumstick to introduce it to the market.

### Restoring and Sustaining Livelihood of Tsunami Affected Families

The final narrative and financial report were provided upon completion of all activities. The unspent amount of Rs. 11,000/- will be spent within a month and the update will be provided.

**Farm Activities** – Cattle are being delivered and activities are progressing. Most of the staff are getting oriented to cattle rearing and milking. At present, the milk yield is very low and it is sold to a lady for processing. Problems with Farm Managers were discussed and communicated at the meeting held at Head Office. Cows that are unhealthy will be changed by supplier.



**Handloom Centre** – Training for basic sewing classes is ongoing and they are getting ready for an exhibition that would be conducted by the Vidatha center at the Matara district with their products.

### Return and Reconstruction Fund Raising Effort

**Partnership with HSBC** – A flyer was developed for fund raising and disseminated to all credit care holders. Over Rs. 500,000/- was collected during this period.

A Press Release was done by HSBC and SMS and short flyers will be circulated via e-mail. The date for contribution has been extended.

**Partnership with HNB** – CHA’s work was presented by Manager RR and toilet designing by Trademan SL at a press conference organised by HNB. The ED-CHA received a generous contribution for toilet construction from HNB.

**HNB CONTINUES ITS RELIEF SUPPORT IN THE IDP CAMPS**

HNB is an organisation that has consistently walked the path of a responsible corporate citizen since 1983, exhibiting experience, skills and expertise, a bank that is one with the people, the environment and the nation, and a bank which has retained its leadership position since the years.

The International Business Magazine, "Entrepreneur" recognised HNB as the "Best Bank in Sri Lanka" in the Entrepreneur Awards for 2008/2009.

HNB operates throughout the length and breadth of the country and has always been consistently aware of the varying needs of the people. Its role involves creating opportunities and improving the quality of life with a range of products that address the needs of people from all walks of life.

All of the bank's CSR activities are on-going projects and every step of HNB is to establish the school libraries, supporting finance patients to deal with the trauma and headache of cancer, water and sanitation projects, flood damaged mangrove, dengue prevention programmes, bringing back the fish and fruits at the Gandhi National Park, the Bank approaches CSR in a focused and systematic manner while being consistently focused on each people-centred project. HNB is also an active role in supporting Internally Displaced Persons. In 2008, the Bank assisted an entire village in rebuilding their lives.

Another CSR initiative of 940,000/-

Most recently HNB, realising the acute need for water in these areas, installed 12 water tanks in the camps. It was at the forefront that the Co-sponsor of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA) approach of HNB to support their intention of constructing similar toilets in the IDP camps. HNB will be assisting the CHA in this worthy cause by financing 30 toilets. The toilets will include a septic tank, sewage pit, drain and water pipes, flooring, gutters and other accessories in order to ensure the IDPs are kept free of health hazards. HNB's hallmark as a corporate citizen lies in its sensitivity and prompt response to urgent social needs, not in this instance too. The timely assistance in the provision of toilets in the IDP camps would help prevent the spread of disease amongst the young and the old in these camps.

A meeting has been scheduled to meet with the Head of Task Force for a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.

### Durable Solutions to Internally Displaced Persons

**Vavuniya** – The first CPN IDP Advocacy Network Listening Event was conducted with the people at Suntharapuram resettlement village on the 09<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Shelter** – The Government has constructed small houses without kitchens. The house consists of two rooms and a small hall. During the resettlement period (2001), the families, which were small at the time, have now grown to larger numbers; so the space for living is not conducive. Some people have built a small kitchen with cadjans. The people in the village have appealed that they need a separate kitchen or cadjans.

**Health** – The unavailability of hospital facilities have hampered the people in accessing them and they are compelled to travel a long distance for medicine. To add to their difficulties, transport facilities are also poor. They have to spend more money on three-wheelers for travelling purposes. Most people are people who are earning a low-income. They have suggested to the MoH in Vavuniya to conduct mobile services weekly or bi-monthly.

**Livelihood** – Ceylinco has already provided a loan system to people but 50 per cent of the communities did not receive it, as their income was insufficient. Villagers are willing to support the grand fund from any NGO or the Government.

**Water** – People find it difficult to access potable water with only five common wells and 12 tube wells in the village. However, at present, there is no water in these common wells and ten common wells are damaged. In order to ease access of

obtaining drinking water, wells or tube wells need to be constructed for them.

**Sanitation** – At the beginning of the resettlement process, toilets were constructed without a door by the Government. Therefore, the toilets were easily damaged by animals. At present, 325 toilets that were provided have been damaged. A total of 332 families are in expectance of their toilets being repaired.

**Documentation** – The people do not possess proper documentation, as all are IDPs. A Documentation Clinic was conducted by the Government. However, it is not sufficient to fulfill all requirements of resettled people; hence, they need to have a documentation programme. **Follow-up has been done with Additional Registrar's Department in Vavuniya.** ARD emphasized that villagers need the Documentation Clinic, but do not have funds and the authority to commence such a programme. Approval should be received from the GA. At present, ARD is carrying out documentation work for the recent Vanni IDPs.

**Education** – The village does not have a pre-school and it is expected to establish a pre-school in the resettlement village.

**Mannar** – The second IDP Network visit was conducted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September at the resettlement village SP Potkerni. Five core CPN members, CPN volunteers, and the DO were present in the IDP Network. A total of 31 families were met by the team in the village. The five core issues that were highlighted at the visit are as follows:

1. The village is located in the jungle and, at night, wild elephants pose a threat to the village. The situation is worsened by the lack of electricity in the village;
2. Following resettlement, only two bus services were deployed in the Musali area. Almost all returnees have resettled in 12 villages in Musali, therefore, the deployed bus services are inadequate to serve the number of people;
3. According to the team's observation, it was found that though returnees in the village have individual toilets, they do not know how to maintain them properly. Some of them use kitchen pots to splash water in toilets. They are not aware of using harpic to remove germs. At least one hygienic awareness programme should be arranged for them;
4. Activities of the CBO in the village are defunct, as there is conflict among CBO leaders. Therefore, people could not attain their cooperation for activities; and
5. There are 20 unemployed youths in the village and are interested in following a vocational training on house wiring, plumbing, and out motor mechanism.

**Jaffna** – The first IDP Advocacy Network event was scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of September at the Hindu College Welfare Camp, Urumpirai in Valikaamam East, Kopai DS Division. These people have been displaced since 1990/1991. Their place of origin is Valikamam North and they are presently located in the High Security Zone. The visit was conducted by CPN active members namely, SOND and PWO with CHA.

**QIPs in Mannar** – The proposal for the training programme for the Musali youth returnees and budget details were forwarded to the Head of UNHCR in Mannar and approval was obtained for implementation. The agreement with NYSC will be signed by this week. Additionally, clearance for the programme was requested from the Hon. Basil Rajapakse. The programme will commence in early October.

**Survey Asserting IDP Assets** – The Mannar District Office has scheduled to conduct a survey in four IDP camps in the district. One old IDP camp in Pesalai and another three are camps for new Vanni IDP. With the permission of the Security Forces, NGOs are allowed to enter into camps. There is no clear data available as to who wants to return to their original homes. This survey will be helpful in understanding the many dimensions of IDPs at these locations. The programme has been scheduled as follows:

1. 16<sup>th</sup> of October – Visit IDPs in Kilimodдай camp
2. 19<sup>th</sup> of October – Visit IDPs in Sirukandal
3. 20<sup>th</sup> of October – Visit IDPs in Eluppaikullam
4. 21<sup>st</sup> of October – Visit Pesalai old IDP camp

**Documentation and Awareness Programmes** – Preparations are ongoing to implement the programme with districts for IDPs in camps and resettled people. District Officers need to confirm the draft programme, dates, target groups, and other details.

Mannar has already requested for a Documentation and Awareness Programme to be implemented for Indian returnees in the Nanattan DS Division, under UNHCR if possible.

## Community Protection Network (CPN)

CPN Meetings were held in Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Puttalam, Mannar, Jaffna, Galle, Matara, Hambantota, and Kalutara.



## Advocacy Initiatives

**Juvenile Courts** – The second brainstorming session to develop a Framework comprising Minimum Standards and defining the role of Befrienders, was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, facilitated by Rushika. A document had been prepared based on discussions, which were presented to the

Hon. Magistrate of the JC on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September for her recommendations. Rushika will provide her services as a counselling supervisor for the Befrienders, on a voluntary basis for a short duration (till the end of the year), following which another supervisor needs to be found. According to Mrs. Kamalini de Silva, the JC is to be relocated to the Law Commission bungalow in Battaramulla, tentatively, before the end of the year. Thus, it is advisable for a separate Befriender's Unit not to be established at the present JC since that would give them the impetus to stay and discourage them from relocating.

**Handmade Paper Products** – In the process of designing an ePoster with the sample cards given by the schools, which will be used for promotions (intend to send a notice to an e-mail distribution list). Additionally, CHA is assisting the schools to open NSB postal bank accounts for the children.

**Education with Digital Self-Learning for Children in Legal Institutions** – The project has been successfully completed, in the process of preparing the final report and other documents that are required, in order to complete the final milestone of ICTA. Plans need to be made to strengthen the project (eLearning) in collaboration with the Western Province Commissioner who is willing to provide further facilities such as, Internet connections. The project can be further extended to other State institutions, especially Shilpa Sayura. ICTA needs to be consulted to explore opportunities. A meeting with the designer of Shilpa Sayura and ED is scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> of September for this purpose.

**Life Skills Development for Children in Certified Schools** – Improvements have been demonstrated in hygiene, discipline, and lessening of labelling and stigmatising among children, as well as welcoming and treatment of new children (by the Core Group). The first monthly meeting with caregivers of RCS took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September where the progress made during the last three months, concerns, and future interventions were discussed. Meeting with caregivers of MCS will be scheduled. A special request was made by caregivers to provide girls with dresses (of similar pattern), a volleyball coach, and wiring for the computer room.

Identified issues are being addressed in consultation with the technical resource team. Forced homosexual issues among children have increased and children have become more open and vocal about these issues with the RKT and TRP. Interventions will commence with sex education.

A training and practice session on Forum Theatre was conducted by Vishaka Jayaweera, FT specialist, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September for the RKT. FT will be incorporated into the sessions with children from October onwards.

**Civil Society Network for Child Protection (CSN4CR)** – An orientation meeting for the District Leads in order to establish the District Forum was successfully held on the 02<sup>nd</sup> of September. It was decided for the DFs to be established by November. DOs of Galle, Kalutara, Trincomalee, and Ampara

have taken the responsibility from CHA. The MoU between CHA and the Network was signed.

**Promoting National Volunteerism** – Assistance was extended to the Charity Apple Coordinator in systemising the process including, the website.

**IDP Related** – An introductory note was prepared on steps needed to produce a Normative Framework for IDO Policy.

**Listening Project** – For September each district was requested to complete two exercises to cover up for March as well, however, these reports are also late due to districts failing to comply with deadlines. Failure has also been partially due to late payment of advances from Colombo due to late receipt of plans or oversight on the part of finance. This issue has been raised with the Finance Unit, to ensure that attention is paid in the future.

**Funding** – Several agencies were in receipt of the proposal, however, several have yet not responded. Fundraising efforts were shared with the management.

Follow-up on agencies who responded to the correspondence inviting agencies to work together on accountability and transparency is pending. Approximately four agencies responded with others wondering how they can be involved in the Listening Project.

A meeting was held with NP which included the possibility of conducting a listening exercises in Vavuniya targeting returnee communities. Vavuniya is in the process of sending needed figures and information to Colombo office. NP is prepared to support logistically and in human resources.

**Matara – Free Legal Aid Mobile Clinics** – The next Mini-Mobile Clinic has been scheduled for the 01<sup>st</sup> of October in Weligama in collaboration with Arthacharya Foundation.

## Peacebuilding and CSA Programme

**RCA** – The August issue of the Rapid Context Analysis (RCA) was not released as planned. The Sinhala and Tamil translation are on going for August and is at a halt due to two reports being incomplete. Information for the September RCA report is being collated and is due to be released by the 02<sup>nd</sup> of October. The Sinhala and Tamil versions of the September issue will follow by the 09<sup>th</sup> of October.

**MCS Project** – The Final Project Evaluation is ongoing and the second draft of the report was discussed and awaiting changes recommended by Programme Officers.

As a follow-up on a meeting held last month with the CS pool to discuss future activities regarding CS training for University Student Councils, the Police, and Military, a two-day ToT was held in Kandy from the 04<sup>th</sup> to 06<sup>th</sup> of September. The Trainers got an overview of the University culture and factors

that contribute to conflicts. Agendas and other relevant training material were developed during the two-day training.

Upon extension of the MCS project, CS Advisory Services were conducted in the following locations by the CS consultant Team:

- 27<sup>th</sup> of August – District Secretariat Officers in Kegalle facilitated by Bandula Weerasingha;
- 18<sup>th</sup> of September – Local Governance Galle facilitated by Isha Miranda;
- 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of September – Social Vigilance Organisation in Vavuniya facilitated by Indra and Vaithia; and
- 25<sup>th</sup> of September – Pradeshiya Sabha and officials of the Divisional Secretariat in Anamaduwa facilitated by Bandula Weerasingha.



**CS Consultancy Services – The Asia Foundation (TAF)** – In keeping with the extended time frame, CHA completed 74 out of 76 follow-up meetings within the time frame. These meetings were conducted for local Governments, MCs and UCs of four selected provinces. The two follow-up meetings that could not take place were in Hambantota District. The final report in hard copy and soft versions were sent to TAF on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

**World Vision** – In accordance with the signed contract, the second workshop was conducted in Nuwara Eliya on the 08<sup>th</sup> and 09<sup>th</sup> of September facilitated by Indra and Vaithia of the CS Team. The workshops were under the theme of ‘Local Capacity for Peace’ and was conducted for pre-school teachers.

**Lutheran World Relief** – LWR utilised both, Indra and Vaithia of the CS Team as local resource persons for two of their workshops on Sphere and Humanitarian Accountability. The workshop in Galle was held on the 01<sup>st</sup> and 02<sup>nd</sup> of September.

**Peacebuilding and Strengthening Local Initiatives – DLCC Final Thesis and Awards Ceremony** – A total of 150 students were selected to follow the DLCC course, out of which 98 students completed the course successfully. CHA invited them to participate at the award ceremony, which is scheduled to be held on the 02<sup>nd</sup> of October. All logistical arrangements with regard to the awarding ceremony have been finalised.

**Second Training for Partner Organisations** – The second

training for the partner organisation was held in Kandy. This training was on Institutional Development and Organisation Strengthening. The key personnel from all partner organisations participated at the training. In addition to the training, CHA seized this opportunity to review the progress of the programme, follow-up financial reports, and clarify future activities.

**Peace Interventions** – Six partner organisations submitted 18 peacebuilding proposals on peace interventions. All proposed peace interventions have been successfully completed. Some activities were organised by the DLCC students with CBOs in their localities. Around 2,000 people are directly involved in these peace interventions.



**Language Skills for Livelihood** – Training of the tutors was completed last month. Out of the 26 who attended the training, 25 passed the final assessment successfully and are now eligible to train students in districts. Certificates and MoUs for the tutors were sent to District Officers for collection by the tutors.

The Student Database, received from the Academy of English and Drama (AED), has been shared with the tutors. Since students are from remote areas of the districts, District Officers are in the process of arranging orientation programmes for tutors and students to meet up and finalise timetables and locations for training. The first set of material received from AED have been disseminated to District Officers. An interim report will be sent to CBSM once drafted and finalised by the Programme Manager.

A meeting was held with CBSM with regard to implementing the language project in Vavuniya. Work has commenced to prepare a concept note; ground information will be provided by the Vavuniya District Officer.

A brief meeting was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September on revising the analysis of RCA reports.

The team is currently working on USIP annual grants, in addition to commencing work on USAID proposals.

The Peacebuilding Consortium will be meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October at SEDEC and will be chaired by Mr. Marikkar.

### Administration

Two persons were recruited for the posts of Manager–HR/Administration and Environment Officer. CHA also recruited two part–time volunteers to assist and strengthen the Environmental team.

CHA met the Electrical Engineer responsible for this area and forwarded a request letter to divert the existing electricity connection (domestic connection) to the general purpose connection, which will save about Rs. 100,000/- per month from the bill. Additionally, CHA met the Assistant Engineer and discussed about the reconnection and requested him to speed up the process. He requested CHA to pay all outstanding payments to bring them down to zero and produce payment slips to allow us to pay for the reconnection, which costs Rs. 481,000/-. CHA was then requested to produce a letter to the Road Development Authority (RDA), which will be issued by the CEB after making payments to proceed with the digging and tarring of the main road, subject to underground wiring.

**District Offices – Hambantota** – The CHA District Office moved to a new location with a rate of Rs. 18,000/- per month, which saves Rs. 22,000/- per month. **The URUMAYA Centre in Tangalle was also visited** in Tangalle and Aparekka Farm to address some issues related to the Centre Manager and Farm Manager.



**Matara** – The Matara District Office moved to a new location on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September for Rs. 15,000/- per month, which is a saving of Rs. 30,000/- per month. The house has six rooms. It was discussed with the District Officer to use the available space in the land and available resources to open up a child care centre, which can be a good service to the community and a means of income generation since the building is located at the centre of the Matara Town (approximately 150m away from the Matara central bus stand).



**Galle** – The Galle District Office is in search of a new space for about Rs. 15,000/- per month.

**Mannar** – The District Office will be provided with a dial–up ADSL connection.

**Vavuniya** – The team visited the District Office, the guest house, and Manik Farm. Several instructions were given, in order to rectify some issues related to cleanliness of the washrooms, kitchen, and bedrooms, in addition to some instructions to handle and use the water pump without hazels. An order was placed for mosquito nets for the guest house in Vavuniya. Additionally, a new water pump was purchased for the guest house and the existing water pump will be sent for repairs and will later be fixed as the back up motor after repairs.

The DO was requested to inform the owner to repair the fence around the District Office.

**Visas** – CHA was successful in obtaining approval from the Colombo GA for three expatriates of OXFAM Australia for their entry visas.

COHRE provided CHA with a cheque of USD 425.00 (approximately Rs. 48,000/-) for handling the work permit and visa for their Country Director.

HR Exit Meetings were held with staff who left CHA in September.

**Latrine Project** – CHA ensured smooth coordination among

CHA, Tradesman SL, Zonal Commanders, and the UNICEF Office in Vavuniya.

CHA has been constantly coordinating with the Ministry of Defence to obtain clearances for its Contractor (Tradesman Sri Lanka) for construction of toilets to travel to Manik Farm, Vavuniya on following dates in September:

- 10<sup>th</sup> of September – to conclude construction of UNICEF funded toilets;
- 17<sup>th</sup> of September – to supervise sites and commence construction of HNB funded toilets; and
- 18<sup>th</sup> of September – all material sent to commence construction of HNB toilets.

Coordination of payments with regard to latrine and religious sites constructions for IDPs in Vavuniya were done. Fifteen Christian Centres will be set up at Manik Farm. Additionally, Hindu shrines are being manufactured, with statues and plants ready for dispatching.

The maintenance contract with TekGeeks was renewed for a period of one year.

CHA participated in the Charity Apple Steering Committee meeting on the 03<sup>rd</sup> of September and discussed the ToR and web design changes.

Assistance was provided to the Manager RR to run the presentation at a press conference at HNB on the 09<sup>th</sup> of September.

CHA met with TIGO officials regarding the setting up of the Recycle Bag Project in Hambantota.

CHA met with SUPPROVE to discuss the matter pertaining to initiation of the CIMA project in Trincomalee initially, and eventually expanding to all districts, as an income generation project.

Strengths of various staff members were identified and allocated more responsibilities to them as a capacity building gesture.

## Psychosocial Initiatives

**Fundraising Activities** – A proposal for UNFPA was developed along with a draft budget. CHA coordinated with UNFPA focal point to discuss project mandates and objectives and the proposal to be sent shortly. CHA is awaiting UNFPA feedback on the draft budget.

The Norwegian Embassy was contacted officially to seek funding opportunities. A response was received by the Embassy stating that funding for the year 2009 has been phased out. They informed CHA to contact them in January, 2010.

CHA met with TAF representatives to discuss funding for 2010. They have given positive feedback and the CHA PS Unit will submit proposals towards December, 2009.

**Coordination with Ministries** – CHA coordinated with MoDM and a special programme will be initiated to train all MoDM district based representatives of Emergency Units. A MoU is in the process of being drafted.

CHA met with the MoH Director Mental Health to discuss Counsellor placements in IDP camps. Facilitation was made for the MoSS and the MoH to come together to coordinate the placements. The MoH has requested information on the Counsellors from MoSS and the liaison process is ongoing to initiate activities.

**Income Generation Capacity Building Programme** – One income generation programme on Psychosocial Therapies and Relaxation Techniques was planned to be organised with resource facilitation by Prof. Rachel Tribe, University of East England.

Two training programmes, one in Anuradhapura and the other in Puttalam, were organised for PSF Network members and were held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September, respectively.

A training on Alcohol Prevention was organised in Jaffna in collaboration with SAMUTTHANA.

A workshop and training programme were held on the 03<sup>rd</sup> of September for District Network Members in collaboration with SAMUTTHANA.

**Coordination** – CHA followed-up on the letters sent by DMC to respective ministries and a meeting was organised with DMC, PSF, and the Ministry for Children's Welfare and Women's Affairs to discuss on integrating psychosocial in their work. The meeting could not be held due to lack of communication with in the Ministry. A visit was also made by the PSF Coordinator to the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare to meet the Secretary to introduce the forum and a request was made to provide a 'foreword' to the research report of the Capacity Building Initiatives report.

The PSF Coordinator also participated at a meeting with the Director Mental Health to discuss on obtaining permission to allocate Counsellors of the MoSS to Primary Health Care Centres in the Vanni IDP camps. The follow-ups are being continued.

As result of the decision taken by the Regional Initiatives Working Group, the PSF Coordinator and two other members of the Forum visited the Trincomalee RDHS to discuss the continuation of the Network. The CHA DO, too, participated in the meeting to discuss the support that can be rendered to coordinate activities.

Follow-ups were made on the press conference, organising the Capacity Building Programme, and also collecting articles for the newsletter.

**Regional Initiatives and Southern Activities** – *Jaffna* – Training and workshop on Alcohol Prevention were held in collaboration with SAMUTTHANA; the team formed a

technical group to focus on the issue in the area and evaluate work every month. Additionally, the Mental Health Unit of the Jaffna Base Hospital organised the programme on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. The chosen clients, who had overcome addiction, were given the chance to share their experience in strengthening others to follow the same. Continuous monitoring and follow-up of the outcome on the capacity provided to the District Network is done regularly.

**Vavuniya** – The Vavuniya Mental Health Unit will hold the Psychosocial Forum Network Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September to discuss networking aspects of organisations and celebrations of International Children’s Day and World Mental Health Day. This will include all children from the area including, children in camps; it was encouraged to focus on IDP children, too.

**Anuradhapura and Puttalam** – The Conceptual Clarity orientation on ‘What is Psychosocial?’ was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of September for District Network members.

A workshop and training programme were held in Puttalam in collaboration with SAMUTTHANA for District Network members. Continuous follow-up is being done through monthly Minutes.

**Batticaloa** – A discussion was held on the 01<sup>st</sup> of September during the monthly Psychosocial Meeting and steps are being taken to deal with issues raised with regard to children and orphanages in the district.

A joint visit including, PHI, PSW, Mental Health Unit, DCPC, SSO, Probation Officer, Police, Samurdhi, and Save the Children, has will be organised to orphanages to monitor the present situation.

**Trincomalee** – Following discussions that took place at the National Psychosocial Forum and steps taken by the Working Group, the team visited Trincomalee on the 08<sup>th</sup> and 09<sup>th</sup> of September and met the RDHS to brief on the importance and the strength of the forum, in order to strengthening the District Psychosocial Network.

**Galle** – The Psychosocial Monthly District Meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September.

**Matara** – The Psychosocial Monthly District Meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Hambantota** – Several issues that had been raised at the monthly meeting had been referred to the relevant authorities:

- Families refusing to accept inmates at the Ridiyagama Rehabilitation Centre;
- Support provided to the Cancer prevention programmes of the RDHS; and
- An abandoned family from Tissamaharama without any support.

Vavuniya Emergency PS Coordination Work – **Networking initiatives for emergency work** – The Coordinator in Vavuniya made regular weekly visits to IDP camps and issues of IDPs were discussed at the Psychosocial Coordination Meetings. Concerns pertaining to IDP issues have been brought to the notice of RDHS authorities and the GA.

**Capacity Building Training Initiatives** – A Training programme was held for psychosocial workers involved in emergency care activities of different organisations and the programmes were conducted in the Tamil medium. Techniques on counselling, befriending, conflict resolution approaches, group work formation, and discussion on challenges faced in work were explored and dealt with.

A special session was conducted on ‘Expressive Therapy’ along with an orientation to ‘Psychosocial Approaches through Expressive Therapy – The Importance of Communication Skills’. Attitudes and qualities of psychosocial workers were covered in the programme.

During regular camp visits, the Vavuniya PS Coordinator was instrumental in collecting and compiling details of pregnant women in camps. The information was shared with the GA and RDHS.

Visits were made to identified areas of the ‘Listening Project’ of CHA and have discussed issues and needs with people who were settled from camps.

A client who was identified with depression and having no proper treatment was taken up for discussion at the Mental Health Unit meeting.

The special programme on ‘Healing Minds’ initiated by the Psychosocial Unit of CHA was continuous during the month of September.

**Southern Psychosocial Network** – The Southern Coordinator participated in a Counselling programme at the DS Office in Ambalantota. The programme was organised by the Divisional Secretariat Office and Drugs preventions Programme at Youth Corps, Sooriyawewa. Moreover, the monthly PSF Meeting in Galle was held at the RDHS Office. The PSF Meeting in Hambantota that was held at the RDHS Office and Coordination Meeting that was held at the Divisional Secretariat Office, Sooriyawewa were also coordinated.

With regard to networking, the officer met Dr. Karunarathna regarding the PSF Meeting in Hambantota, Dr. Anura Chandrasena regarding the PSF Meeting Matara and discussed issues pertaining to respective districts. These were, in turn, informed to the PSF Coordinator and presented at the PSF Meeting.

The officer conducted three counselling sessions for clients who came to the CHA District Office.

'Guidelines for Good Practices in Psychosocial Work in Sri Lanka' was sent for dissemination among member organisations in Vavuniya, Anuradhapura, and Puttalam.

## Knowledge Management and Resource Centre

**Community Network on Information Services (CSNIS) –** The CSNIS membership, though in contact, does not show the previous enthusiasm since many an attempts to secure funds for continuity have proved futile. The membership has been addressed to continue seeking funds. Discussion with agencies on services required with brochures sent has not had a positive outcome. Nevertheless, collective and individual efforts are being pursued.

**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Annual Access to Learning Award –** The award recognises innovative efforts of libraries or similar organisations outside the United States to connect people to information through free access to computers and the Internet. Application is made on behalf of the CSNIS.

**Resource Centres –** Concept notes in respect of DRCs are being finalised for funding options in respect of all districts. Agencies and donors will be met on an individual basis.

### Colombo Knowledge Centre – *New Acquisitions:*

1. Effective Guidelines and Standards on Conflict Sensitivity Practices – English, Sinhala, and Tamil
2. Corruption and Education in Sri Lanka
3. Human Lives and Drugs
4. Sri Lanka Country Assistance Strategy – English, Sinhala, and Tamil
5. An Introduction to the Human Development and Capability Approach
6. Creating Adaptive Policies
7. Status of Human Rights in 2006
8. Home away from Home – Children, Displacement, and Protection in Sri Lanka
9. 2004 December 26 Tsunami Assessment of Destruction to Muslims in the Eastern high Security Zone and the Rights to Return and Resettlement in Sri Lanka
10. A Socio-Legal Study on the Head of the Household Concept in Sri Lanka

**Consolidated Information and Library Services –** Two meetings were held with SOS Village and JRS with regard to the DRC concept to promote it and for partnership. The outcome is awaited.

**Promotion of Groundview –** Promotion of GV both, subscription and space for advertisements and articles, were done by the team. Meetings with heads of the corporate sector and agencies were initiated. Through direct canvassing, subscriptions from Oxfam Australia and BPA, in respect of main and sub-offices, were secured. Feedback from many were that the cost per article and advertisement in the GV was far too

expensive; the corporate sector attributed to daily papers with wide coverage. Letters to more selected missions and agencies will be circulated and continuous promotion will be carried out.

**Partnership and Landmark Bookshop –** The demand for English medium books in the districts has been good and, in response, sales have been satisfactory. The partnership with Landmark for sales and books have netted a profit of Rs. 7,000.00 in total.

**District Resource Centre – Ampara DRC –** A total of 30 people including, school and university students, job seekers, and I/NGO staff visited the DRC to refer material.

**Batticaloa DRC –** A total of 23 persons including, I/NGOs and CBOs visited the DRC and utilised the resources during the period.

**Galle DRC –** A total of six persons including, students and school leavers visited the DRC and utilised the resources during September. The Information Assistant supported them in creating e-mails and Internet usage.



**Mannar DRC –** A total of 32 persons including, school and university students, job seekers, and I/NGO staff visited the DRC to refer books.

**Kalutara DRC –** A total of six visitors used the DRC to refer books and newspapers during the month.

**Matara DRC –** A total of 31 visitors used the DRC to refer books and newspapers during the month including, CBOs, NGO staff, and A/L students. They also made use of the Internet and e-mail facilities.

**Listening Exercise in Devinuwara –** CHA met with AGA Devinuwara to organise the listening activity, in addition to participating at the Listening Exercise on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September conducted in Walbulugahahena, Devinuwara AGA Division in collaboration with three CBOs and three NGOs. A field visit was carried out to identify problems they face and their views on the present living conditions in the village.

**Trincomalee DRC –** A total of 26 visitors visited the DRC to obtain DRC services. Most visitors were NGOs (04),



Government staff (03), students (10) in higher grades, and others (09).



CHA has promoted to start the CIMA course in Trincomalee in collaboration with the British Council. The application forms and details are disseminated among interested students.

**Listening and Learning Accountability Project** – The project was conducted during the period and covered the areas of Adamodai in the Kuchchavel DS Division. TDGSA, WRDS, SDRO, and CHA representatives were involved in the exercise. CHA established a network meeting for the project among the I/NGOs. The meeting was held on the 05th of September at the CHA Conference Hall. The District Officer provided an explanation regarding the project and feedback of participants during the meeting.



**Vavuniya DRC** – A total of 19 persons from I/NGOs, CBOs, and the Government sector visited the DRC during the month to refer books, CDs, and other resources.

**Enhancing the Quality and Strength of the PET Unit** – Discussions were made to create a questionnaire to evaluate services required by agencies with an emphasis on services provided by the PET Unit.

## Finance

**Restoring Dignity and Protection of Conflict Affected Persons** – The final reports were submitted on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Sustainable Livelihood Development Project** – CHA received a total of Rs. 31.4 million for the project from CIDA. The last installment of Rs. 700,000/- was received in September.

**Primary Healthcare Units** – CHA received the fourth installment Rs. 3.5 million from Tissa Jinasena Foundation.

**Mercy Malaysia** – CHA received Rs. 2,279,750/- on the 03<sup>rd</sup> of September and a revision was submitted for additional work.

**Chavakachcheri Hospital Ward Construction** – CHA received Rs.1,309,400/- from Australian Medical Aid for the project this month. Rs. 3,998,000/- was received in total, of which Rs. 1,446,662/- was released to the RDHS Jaffna.

**Special Clinics** – CHA received Rs. 1,189,200/- from Australian Medical Aid for the project this month. A total of Rs. 2,178,400/- has been received to date.

**HSRP** – The programme has spent Rs. 2,264,612.28 for the period and amounts to 3.8 per cent of the total budget. Additionally, proposals have been forwarded to UMCOR to request for funding for Operational Meetings.

The HSRP proposal and budget for 2010 have been prepared and will be submitted to FORUT. Additional budgets are being prepared for the period 2010 to 2012 and will be submitted to Diakonia.

**UNHCR** – The project is in the process of reallocating funds, having spent almost 85 per cent of the funds received from the first installment.

**Save the Children** – Almost 50 per cent of the funds has been received, with the project for June to September ending; the final report, financial and narrative, is being prepared.

**Compassion** – A total of 60 per cent of the funds received for the first installment has been spent to date.

**The Asia Foundation (TAF)** – CHA received Rs. 227,500/- as the first installment from a total budget of Rs. 455,000/-.

**NCA** – CHA has received a total of Rs. 2,367,965.93 to date, with Rs. 1,938,715.31 having been spent on activities held to date.

**PSF Consultancy** – CHA is approaching organisations such as, ADB, WB, NRC, SDC and UNDP on more CS projects. ADB and WB have followed-up via e-mail.

The first phase of the Language Skills Project has been completed and the reporting format will be sent to AED to obtain updates with bills and supporting documents.

CHA request for the second extension of The World Bank three remaining activities and approval was given, excepting for the RCA. The extension has been granted upto December, 2009, with the amount being Rs. 3,209,865/-.

**Cordaid** – CHA spent 75 per cent of the budget in 11 months, with one more month remaining to complete the project. More invoices are being expected and a balance of

Rs. 400,000/- remains. Additionally, the budget and proposal (2010) for the PB Toolkit update is ready to be sent to JCCP for consideration.

The Finance and Management Committee (FMC) met on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September and the Finance Unit briefed the FMC on progress with regard to 'Meeting Financial Challenges in 2009' and beyond.

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