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Attachments:					
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Purpose:					
Meeting Date:	28 th August 2009	Start Time:	8.30am	End Time:	9.45am
Venue	Caritas SEDEC Auditorium				
Meeting Chair:	Mr. F. Hashim , Deputy Executive Director			Phone:	
Facilitator:				Phone:	
Minute Taker:	Gihani Martyn			Phone:	

Present

Organization
CESVI
CHA
LEADS
Oxfam GB
UMCOR
Internews
Christian Aid
IRD
WDP
CEPA
UN- OCHA
Sarvodaya
Child Fund

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Right to Play

1. **Feedback and update**

Advocacy

CHA is in liaison with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights on per tent per family and of the national action plan for IDPs.

Agencies were requested to use the space at Friday meeting to highlight advocacy initiatives taken by their agencies.

With regard to the resettlement of IDPs in the Musali/Madhu Mannar Maddu area it was informed that CHA's understanding is that GoSI is looking at clearing agricultural land to enable those being resettled could commence livelihood activities as well. On the specific question of when they would be resettled, CHA would inform agencies very soon.

NGO Taxation: In a letter addressing the Senior Tax Advisor CHA proposed that the guidelines of year 2005 to be revised. The revision would include on 3 main aspects


- Infrastructure facilities - improve the living conditions of the beneficiary, by construction or renovation of roads, any buildings / structures and other intangible innovations/technical skills.
- Livelihood support - which will increase the livelihood of beneficiaries by tangible and intangible support given to beneficiaries Activities to include food and non food relief items , Income generation , health care, Education, and vocational and other trainings..-Focus on differently able; advocacy, livelihood support, support for mobility enhancement aids , health facilities, counseling and Infrastructure
- Advocacy costs in order to bring about necessary changes for the well being of affected people and communities

Action point: CHA will follow up on its request to IRD on above.

2. Introduction to charityapple.org- Volunteer Matching web Platform by Ms. Asela Abeywardane, Charityapple Project Coordinator UNV- Seconded for CHA.

The presentation was on volunteer mobilization by utilizing a volunteer matching mechanism. It's a platform where organizations can post their issues that need volunteer support. This will provide an easily accessible information hub to those who are interested in giving their time, skills and efforts to a worthy cause. The completion of charityapple website will take approx. 2 months to complete the registration process so that organizations can post their needs and issues.

For more details on charityapple website please contact Ms. Asela Abeywardane, Charityapple Project Coordinator UNV via email. Email: charityapple@cha.lk

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3.	<p>Presentation on Poverty Portal by Ms. Ishara Rathnayake, Professional, Poverty Assessment & Knowledge Management (PAM) Programme, Centre for Poverty Analysis</p> <p>Poverty Portal is a platform for practitioners and researchers to obtain macro and micro level information on poverty in Sri Lanka using a variety of innovative and interactive features through wide scale dissemination of information, the portal encourages informed decision and policy making practices.</p> <p>Features of the portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource library • Advances search mechanism • Maps and statistics • Blogs • Peer messaging • Member profiling • News and events • Offline access. <p><i>For more details on poverty portal please contact Centre for Poverty Analysis. Email info@povertportal.lk</i></p>	
4.	<p>Discussion on Nanasa TV by Mr. Sameera Wijeratna, Coordinator CSR (ICT) Dialog Telekom PLC</p> <p><i>Nansa TV is a digital educational bridge to connect 1000 Rural Schools in Sri Lanka” the programmes is carried out in of Ministry of Education National Institute of Education (NIE), Dialog Telekom PLC, Dialog-UoM Research Lab. The programme was launched in July 2009 connecting 1000 rural school bring them the real class room experience.</i></p> <p>Questions :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the questions raised by the audience on carrying out this programme for children in IDP camps, Sameera informed that it connects school and not IDP camps , technical colleges or institutes 2. on the issue of agencies partnering in this initiative, it was informed to make an official request to MoE, <p>Action point: CHA to write to Secretary MoE on issues of partnership and of the extending the programme to IDP camps.</p>	

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Next meeting will be held on 25th September 2009