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Document Information

Meeting:	General Meeting				
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Attachments:					
Prepared By/ Date:	Gihani Martyn		30 th October 2009		
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Purpose:					
Meeting Date:	30 th October 2009	Start Time:	8.30am	End Time:	9.45am
Venue	Caritas SEDEC Auditorium				
Meeting Chair:	Mr. Jeevan Thiagarajah, Director	Executive	Phone:		
Facilitator:		Phone:			
Minute Taker:	Gihani Martyn	Phone:			


Present

Organization
IHR
IFRC
Malteser International
ACTED
Child Fund
RDF
Oxfam GB
Christian Aid
WUSC
DRC
Sarvodaya
Lutheran World Relief
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UMCOR
Muslim Aid
SCiSL
Handicap International
Care International
Helpage
MSF – Holland
ADT
Caritas
ASB
Zoa Refugee Care
Nonviolent Peaceforce
LEADS
CRS
Teredes Homes
JICA

1.	<p>Advocacy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Juvenile justice and law reform system Ministry of Justice and Law Reform in looking at how the law can be applied differently to benefit children. CHA has made a submission.. 2. There are about 20 to 30 children homes and the children have serious problems with abuse, lack of clothes, health related issues etc. 25 adults post treatment coming out of mental hospital Angoda are abandoned by their families. CHA is proposing a reintegrated programme for those coming out of hospital 3. There are 1000 individuals who have been taken into custody under PTA act and are being remanded every 14 days with no solutions, we are also meeting a Senior Official at the Attorney General Department in bring justice to the those 1000 individuals 4. 14,000 differently able persons at Manic Farm remains a focus to us. 5. CHA was requested to be focused on the IDPS in Trincomalee coming in Pulmodai camp. 	
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<p>2..</p>	<p>Phased return in the North and contribution of I/NGO's – Outcomes of working group meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 58 agencies have subscribed to it. • We have submitted the document twice to the Chairman, the Northern Task Force and have requested a meeting with agencies who subscribed to it. We might be called for a meeting for the entire 58 agencies or a small group. We had a two hour meeting in June 2009 with the H.E the President. • Self driven working group meetings were held this week to discuss the usage of the document and to decide on the way forward. <p>Following are the out comes of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw up an action plan for the usage of the document • Give value to the document by educating the DS/ GN and different levels on agency perspective and adherence to it. This should come from the central level (govt) • Feedback to agencies on discussion taken at different levels, govt, UN, Bilateral donors, and EPC on usage of this document (No response from UN or BDG. Heads of INGO's have met with BDG) • Share the document in all three languages with all agencies and request them to make use of it as they wish. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Code of practice for members of CHA – Roshan Mendis – Executive Director - LEADS</p> <p>1. Code of Practice was adopted at the Annual General meeting. Prior to the Code was adopted it was forwarded to the membership for their comments and concurrence.</p> <p>The compliance of principle 12 on filing annual returns is to maintain standards on agency compliance of rules and regulations of the country. All agencies are required to file their annual returns at the time of placing their application for membership with CHA.</p> <p>Action points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share he code of Practice once again with the membership 2. Signup a compliances form for annual returns. 	

Next meeting will be held on 27th November 2009