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Document Information

Meeting :	Eastern Forum 2009				
Prepared By/ Date:	Ravi				
Type:	Conference				
Purpose:	Improve Coordination, Facilitation and Networking among agencies, groups and individuals working in the Humanitarian Sector				
Meeting Date:	12 th June 09	Start Time:	8.30 am	End Time:	9.45 am
Venue	CARITAS SEDEC				
Meeting Chair:	Mr F Hashim	Facilitator	CHA		
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Present

Organisation	Organisation	Organisation
IHR	CTF	
UMCOR	Methodist Church	
ACTED	SLF	
Maltesar Int	UNOCHA	
NPSL	LEADS	
HDI	CPA	
CCF	FAO	
CAFOD	BPA	
Practical Action	IFRC	
Helvetas	NCCSL	
ADT		
Caritas		
USAID/CORE		
WUSC		
JEN		
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Agenda No	Subject	Action by/ date
1.	<p>Feedbacks and Updates</p> <p>Advocacy</p> <p>Centre for Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE) gave a brief update of their advocacy initiatives.</p> <p>Joint ownership of land housing etc . Advocated for over 2 years with Land commissioner, Ministry of Justice and AG's department . No land policy in the country.Due to administrative convenience land/house issued to one person It is not a written policy of the government to hand over titles to the head of the household. It is an administrative practice.</p> <p>It results in inequities and logistical problems – eg. Where wife has to access state relief/ state assistance requiring the signature of an absent husband</p>	
2.	<p>Training workshops for GNs in Batticaloa on joint ownership.</p> <p>COHRE is presently involved in advocating on joint ownership and other rights in IDP resettlement policy by the Ministry of resettlement and UNDP</p>	
3.	<p>Presentation on the Eastern Development progress and constraints – Ms N Jeyawathani – Assistant Director Planning - Project Management Division - Zone 6 – Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development</p> <p>The presentation was comprehensive covering the different sectors of agriculture, fisheries, industries , infrastructure , tourism etc. More details are available in the presentation in the web</p> <p>Activities in the Eastern province of BPA – Suresh De Mel – Chairman Business for Peace Alliance</p> <p>Mr Suresh De Mel gave a brief presentation on the activities of BPA.More information is available in the presentation..</p> <p>http://www.bpa-srilanka.com</p>	
4.	<p>AOB/ Announcements</p> <p>REDR trainings in Jaffna was displayed</p>	