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### Document Information

<b>Meeting:</b>	General Meeting				
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>					
<b>Attachments:</b>					
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<b>Type:</b>	Close Door				
<b>Purpose:</b>					
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	<b>Start Time:</b>	8.30am	<b>End Time:</b>	9.45am
<b>Venue</b>	Caritas SEDEC Auditorium				
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Mr. Jeevan Thiagarajah, Executive Director	<b>Phone:</b>			
<b>Facilitator:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>			
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Gihani Martyn	<b>Phone:</b>			

### Present


<b>Organization</b>
SCiSL
ADT
CHA
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ASB
GAA
Malteser International
CIDA- Psu
WDP
RDF
Oxfam GB
JDC
Sarvodaya



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CPA
IHR
JEN
HDI
UMCOR
Sarvodaya
IRD
IFRC
UNOCHA
IRC
Internews
ADRA
FRC
LEADS
ADT
ZOA
NPSL
AHIMSA
IOM
Right to Play

Agenda No.	Subject	Action by/ date
1.	<p><b><u>Feedback and update</u></b></p> <p><b>Advocacy/ announcements</b></p> <p><b>SAHANA database:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of 52 non UN agencies working in Vavuniya currently will be uploaded on this system.</li> <li>• It's a good initiative by the Ministry of Resettlement and CHA has extended its fullest support in getting it done.</li> <li>• Details of projects / details of finances will be highlighted, it's a good option to show how much money we have raised and the amounts spend as an accountability and transparency mechanism.</li> <li>• CHA to revisit on updates made on SAHANA database in the next General Meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Resettlement and housing:</b> Options of low cost housing are important, we will be looking at options in the next few weeks</li> <li>• <b>Feedback:</b> Feedbacks on all forums conducted by CHA are collated to identify agency requirements and of meetings carried out by CHA are reaching the interest of the audiences. Agencies were encouraged give their feedback on meetings and foras carried out by CHA.</li> <li>• <b>Groundview:</b> groundveiw is a publication done by CHA on the ground situation and of agency work. Agencies could provide articles on their work/ projects carried out. There would be a nominal fee charged for carrying out agency articles in the groudview. GV is available in all three languages and are sold at all Friday meetings and at different fora. Agencies also could purchase copies at CHA offices at Rosmead Place and London Place.</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>Presentation on “SAHANA Relief Coordination and Data Management System”</b> by Mr. Dimesh Dharmathilake, IT Manager- National Project Office, Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services</p> <p>The database is created to highlight agency work, to provide details of missing people at camps, address issues and of needs required at the camps. The objective of this project is to cater to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate IDP Camp activities and their needs</li> <li>• Coordinate Line Ministries, INGOs and NGOs Activities</li> <li>• Provide accurate information about IDPs</li> <li>• Sharing IDP Statistics and Information</li> <li>• Support to find solutions for Organizations facing issues</li> <li>• Support to accelerate the resettlement process</li> </ul>	3

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3.	<p><b>Presentation on “Low Cost Housing ”</b> by Mr. Sheran Henry, Principal Architect, Sheran Henry Associates</p> <p>Sheran Henry Associates, spoke of their tsunami housing projects carried out in Payagalle Galle. It comprises of 18 houses and it was designed to address issues of space, ventilation and area for gardening and play for children. Option for housing constructions in North also would be designed looking at the houses constructed previously in the area and of the climate conditions.</p>	
4.	<p><b>“Deinstitutionalization and Family Reunification Project Implemented by Sarvodaya”</b> by . Arno Coever Malteser International</p> <p>The Pilate project Implemented by Sarvodaya was presented by Malteser International the lesson learnt in this project could be carried out for family reunification in the north as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Parents/Relatives wish to take back Children</li> <li>◆ Good team work between PO-Home Management-DI Staffs</li> <li>◆ No complicated Legal Problems Involved</li> <li>◆ Good Documentation in Children Homes</li> <li>◆ Work closely with Local Authorities and (INGOs working with Local Communities</li> <li>◆ Organise Regular Placement Committee Meetings</li> </ul> <p>Challenges met in reunification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Attitudes of Adoptive Parents (Horoscope, Looks, Gender and Health etc.)</li> <li>◆ Children Homes as Boarding Schools</li> <li>◆ Family Lacking of Proper Housing and Livelihood</li> <li>◆ Distance/ Unable to Trace Families/ Relatives</li> <li>◆ Lengthy and Resource Intensive Work/ Complicated Cases (Sexual Abuse etc).</li> </ul> <p><i>For further details on these presentations, please logon to CHA website</i></p>	

**Next meeting will be held on 31st July 2009 at 8.30am**