

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY AGENCIES – 06TH MAY TO 12TH MAY 2005

Batticaloa

Organization	Assistance	Remarks	Last updated
<p>Danish Red Cross</p>	<p><u>Psychosocial Support</u></p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Baseline and MTR team arrived on Monday afternoon and left Thursday morning. 2 busy days were spent with focus group discussions and meetings with volunteers at the SLRCS office and in 3 camps as well as the SLRCS Chairman, ICRC and other stakeholders in the psychosocial field. The fact that office space is limited and that the PS coordinator has just left the position were of some constrain. Overall, the team were very content with the work and motivation of the volunteers and welcomes the setting up of community centres as well as playgrounds. • 2 days training program completed at Manrasa training centre for 26 new volunteers from Eastern University. They are to be team leaders for peer groups for the tsunami affected students. 13 groups with a total of 170 participants and leaders was formed from the Eastern University tsunami affected students. The students are expressing a great interest in the work of the Red Cross movement as well as a wish to work both with the university community as well as their own, affected, communities. • Due to hartall in Batti district the planned distribution of mammoties to coir making communities did not take place on Monday, but was successfully completed on Tuesday. • Planning and coordination meetings with the volunteer groups took place as normal. In the camps they have started a photo project for the youth. 	<p>Dated: 7/5/05</p>	<p>12/05/2005</p>

	<p>And it is a main priority to start putting up Youth Club community centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The youth in the camps have expressed a need for tutes that they use to study for their exams to replace the notes that were lost with their belongings in the tsunami. Some discussion with Alliance Development has taken place to identify the possibilities for providing such tutes. • Visit to Padierdichchernai camp. It was the objective to start a group for widowers, but the contact person was not met. The meeting has been postponed to next week. • Discussion with DS in Kiran about land for Youth Club community centre in Palaidetony camp. The issue has to be taken up again. • A request for security lights in Palaidetony camp has been received and followed up. DS and GS have given go ahead and it is planned to set up a generator and lights at toilets and around the camp. • Meeting at WCDM. Issues around gender and land is being discussed. Certain camps in Batti town do still not have certainty about where they are to resettle. A concern was expressed that the SLRC volunteers (that worked in the hygiene program) have stopped working in the camps. Their absence is felt and needs for their services and presence in the camps was expressed. • Lists for distribution of kerosene cookers are being prepared. • Attended PNS coordinating meeting at ICRC and departure ceremony for Ms. Sigrid, Health delegate for ICRC. • The 3rd batch of volunteers were sent to Jaffna on Sunday morning for a 10 days training. • The psycho social volunteers were participating in the Childrens Festival on the 8th of may with activities for the 		
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	<p>children. 3000 children from tsunami affected areas and camps participated. The SLRCS branch also present with First Aid tents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Red Cross Day celebrated at SLRCS branch office as well as participated in dissemination class in Kattankudy sub branch. • A visit to Kirimichchi 2 mile camp was scheduled to meet music group but had to be postponed. 		
CBM	<p>Activities for this week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing temporary housing 2. Providing psycho-social care 3. Community based vocational guidance <p>Activities for this week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing psycho-social care 2. Vocational Training in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sowing *Brick making *Masonry *Carpentry 	<p>AHSRAM DISTRICT: Batticaloa DS Division: Vakarai GN Division: Kirimichai, Kalkuda</p> <p>DEAF LINK DISTRICT: Batticaloa GN Division:Periya Kallar</p>	12/05/2005
Save the Children	<p>Other Activities In Batticaloa 24,536 boys and girls received underwear from SCiSL</p>		12/05/2005
OCHA	<p>A festival took place on 8th May for 3000 tsunami-affected children in the Batticaloa district. In camps in Batticaloa a photo project for youth has been inaugurated. It has also become a main priority to start putting up Youth Club community centres in camps in Batticaloa. The youth in the camps have expressed a need for tutorials which could be used to study for the upcoming G.C.E. Advanced level examinations as a replacement for the study notes they lost due to the tsunami. Youth Clubs consisting of approximately 330 persons in camps in Batticaloa went on an excursion to Sigiriya or Kokodichcholai temple. This proved to be a very valued confidence and teambuilding as well as recreational activity. The volunteers now report a good relationship with the youth and parents in the camp.</p>		12/05/2005