

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY AGENCIES – 27TH MAY TO 02ND JUNE 2005

Jaffna

Organisation	Assistance	Remarks	Last Updated
Danish Red Cross	<p>School-based Psychosocial and Health project:</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>*A set-back on the baseline survey has been experienced as it was confirmed, that the notes from the baseline interviews in all six schools was not detailed enough in accordance with the methodology and thereby not useful as data for the survey. It was therefore decided to conduct the baseline interviews again with the same six schools with new randomly selected beneficiaries. This situation is not ultimate, but it is the best possible solution in the situation. The schools have been informed and accepted, though due to personal engagements of the facilitator during this week, the baseline will be conducted during the three first days of next week. External support for the analysis is being discussed with Colombo.</p> <p>*The Government Agent for Jaffna was meet to discuss reporting on project activities from the Danish Red Cross as a reaction to a request forwarded from the Planning Secretariat to report quarterly on activities. The District Secretariat was again informed, that the DRC is not an implementing partner, but supports the SLRCS, which reports monthly on project implementation and progress on the project. The misunderstanding has properly occurred as a new GA recently has been appointed for Jaffna. The GA was further informed of general programme progress and ensured that the selection of beneficiaries and coordination with relevant authorities is satisfactory.</p> <p>*Unsuccessful attempts to arrange a meeting with the Provincial Secretary of Education as he is on a course till the 1st of June. A meeting will be arranged following his return.</p> <p>*The new monitoring format drafted during the baseline survey visit was discussed. Comments and suggestions for changes have been forwarded to Colombo.</p> <p>*The final proof reading of the Psychosocial manual has been initiated. The final proff reading from SLRCS staff, DRC and Proff. D. Somasundaram and Mrs. Kohila Mahendaran will be finalised next week. The final layout in Tamil and English will be received on the 6th of June. ISBN numbers will be applied for by Colombo. Singhalese translation of the manual is being discussed with possible translators during this week and next.</p> <p>*New quotations have been collected on rental vehicles as the SLRCS Jaffna wishes to raise the monthly rental fee for the vehicle made available for the project staff now. It was decided to continue with the rental agreement with the branch as they still in a cost-quality comparison offer the best deal.</p>		02/06/05

	<p>*The journalist from Denmark changed his schedule and did not arrive in Jaffna.</p> <p>*The PIMES report is pending due to extensive work with the baseline survey</p>		
Save The Children	<p>General Humanitarian Situation: *A partner organization in Jaffna experienced a situation where internal conflict are taking place within communities related to caste and status. This seems a constraint which disallows community leaders to see children's needs and problems. This also hampers community participation in rebuilding.</p> <p>Programme Activities: Emergency Education *In Jaffna catch up classes for students preparing for Advanced Level Examination in June ('05) were completed.</p> <p>Protection- *A Children's Club was formed in Jaffna bringing together 98 tsunami affected children. Aesthetic and drama performances are being held for the members. A set of sports goods were also given to the Club.</p> <p>Shelter: *SCiSL received a request from the Government Agent Jaffna and the Tsunami Task Force to build 142 more temporary shelters for people living with friends and relatives. SCiSL will engage its partners to implement this project. White Pigeon has already sent in a proposal to build 61 shelters.</p>		02/06/05
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