

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY AGENCIES – 12TH MAY TO 26TH MAY 2005

Jaffna

Organization	Assistance	Remarks	Last updated
Malteser	* Support to fishermen affected by tsunami		19/05/05
IOM	<u>Psychological Activities:</u> * 27 Tamil speaking psychosocial workers from Sewalanka attended a Training of Trainers course from 4 th May – 7 th May at Shanthim, a local NGO in the district. The training course was arranged and funded by IOM.		19/05/05
Save the Children in Sri Lanka	<u>Shelter:</u> 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.		26/05/05
Danish red Cross	<u>School-based Psychosocial and Health project:</u> <u>Activities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The baseline survey was carried out in the last three schools. The baseline interviews have now been completed in six schools grouped in three clusters; IDPs, Tsunami affected and High Security Zone schools. The transcription of the notes was completed and forwarded to the baseline team. Unfortunately it seems the note taker have not followed the instructions given by the team and the notes might not be through enough. The facilitator will look into this Saturday the 21st and a decision will be taken whether the baseline focus group discussion will have to be repeated in the six schools. This is very unfortunate, but the Project Coordinator, the delegate and the baseline team and facilitator especially thoroughly explained how detailed the notes had to be. It seems these instructions might have been ignored. Should the notes be rendered not acceptable, the baseline 		26/05/05

	<p>interviews will be carried out in the same schools during next week with a new group of randomly selected beneficiaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4th monthly meeting was conducted for the 1st phase teachers. 30 teachers and 4 volunteers attended. The theme of the month is emotions. The feedback from the implementation during the previous month was positive, though a few teachers mentioned from J / Allaipitty Parasakthy mentioned problems with the implementation of the food component. J / Myilliddy North Kalaimagal Vid. continue to have problems with the number of teachers implementing. The problem will be discussed with the principal and the teachers again and a suitable solution will be identified. • In J/ Pungudutivu Sri Siththyvinayagar Vid. the lack of attendance by two teachers to the last training and thereby lack of teachers to implement the workshops was discussed with the principal. The principal explained about the transport problems to/from the school, which is that if the teachers end later than 2.50, they have to walk 3 kilometres to the nearest bus station. It was agreed, that the principal would look into the problem and find a suitable with the teachers. The school is very vulnerable as the area is very remote and the community has been displaced during the war. Many houses were destroyed and the families do not have the means to rebuild them. Most of the community work as daily labours and many children attend school irregularly and drop out of school early. The school was last year announced as the most backward school in Jaffna district. The principal sees a large need for the programme and is very cooperative. Otherwise the programme is well implemented in the school. • The principal of J/ Keerimalai Naguleswara was meet during the baseline interview session. The programme implementation was discussed and the situation of the community. The implementation the food 		
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	<p>component was discussed in detail, specifically how to make the food distribution more efficient. The Project Coordinator will follow up on this during monitoring next week. The principal expressed a wish for more insight into the methodology of the programme and the possibility of a awareness meeting for all principals and Zonal Directors of Education was suggested. The possibility will be discussed with the Education ministry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Additional Provincial Director of Education was meet. She was updated on general programme progress and professional monitoring, referral systems, awareness meeting for principals and Zonal directors of Education and data collection of students marking grade sheets were discussed. The possibility for the educational zone of Valikam to monitor the implementation in all five educational zones was discussed, but it was agreed, that permission has to be achieved from the Provincial Secretary of Education as to formalise the system. The team will follow up and arrange a meeting with the Provincial Secretary, where the referral system also will be formalised. • Procurement of new workshop material was discussed. The logistician will follow up. • The 3rd batch of volunteers from the 3 Eastern districts finalised the 10-days training. The feedback was positive, both on the content and conduction of the training as well as on the evaluation of the group in relation to their suitability as to provide psychosocial support to victims. The training was ended with a dinner, where the volunteers preformed games and drama. • No meeting with the District Secretariat was held as it was not possible to find a time, which suited both parties. • Volunteer uniforms were not sent to Colombo for printing as they were supposed to be delivered by the BEO and the training, which the BEO was supposed to attend, was cancelled. He is 		
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	now looking into the possibilities of getting a badge to be stitched on the uniforms instead.		
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