

HIGHLIGHTS OF **CHA** DISTRICT OFFICES SEPTEMBER - 2008

CHA District Offices:

1. Ampara
2. Badulla
3. Batticaloa
4. Galle
5. Hambantota
6. Jaffna
7. Kalutara
8. Mannar
9. Matara
10. Puttalam
11. Trincomalee
12. Vavuniya

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AMPARA

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Meetings Attended during the Month

- District Child Protection Meeting
- District Psychosocial Meeting
- DS Officer Coordination meeting
- CPN Meeting
- Livelihood Forum Meeting

PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE CENTRE

Visitors for the month

A total 25 persons from I/NGOs, CBOs
and others utilised the DRC.

Publications Disseminated

- CPN news letter
- Reflection Psychosocial Publication
- Annual Report
- Information update
- The Humanitarian News Letter
- Promote DRC and Ground View Publication
- Other Free Publications

Status of District Profile

District Profile (2007) which is published by
the Kachcheri available. Updating is in pro-
gress.

Income Generation

A training on Meta Trade Link Proposal,
was conducted to CHA at Global Towers
Hotel, Wellawatte on the 26th of September.
The training was given by the Federation of
Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Sri
Lanka. Mr. S. S. Wijeratne, District Officer
Projects, Akkaraipattu District Office par-
ticipated in this programme



PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

CPN Meeting



The CPN meeting was held on the 3rd of
September at CHA Akkaraipattu District
Office. Mr. K.M. Chandra Kumar, National
Programme Officer, participated at this
meeting.

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CPN Mobile Clinic



A CPN mobile clinic was held on the 18th of September at Oluvil, Addalaichenai DS Division.



Restoring Dignity and Protection of Conflict-Affected Persons

Livelihood Activity

Data collected from 80 IDP families who haven't been included in the first beneficiary list, in Alayadivembu DS division.

Divisional Secretary of Thirukkivil approved 8 business groups. Tools and equipments were purchased for 5 groups, and quotations were collected for 3 groups. They will commence the business and production of rice production and sale, cattle growing, sewing, coconut oil production, chilli powder production and dairy products and snack production etc. It was planned to conduct a training programme regarding identifying potential competitive marketing, efficiency and effectiveness of production and sale, produce new type of innovative products.

Tools were provided to 11 women headed and vulnerable families who are living in Akkaraipattu DS Division. The assisted families are carrying out the activities such as snack production and sale, poultry farming, sewing, String hopper business, flour grinding and small shop.

Among from 50 families, 18 families were selected for livelihood assistance in Ampara district and they are considered as special cases, who are very poor and vulnerable families.

Health

Three places were suggested by GN who is managing the IDP families in Alayadivembu DS Division, to construct toilets where IDP families are living in temporary shelters with limited sanitary facilities.

Education

Educational materials were provided to **Thangavela-yuthapuram School** which is temporarily functioning in Vinayapuram due to the present war.

Three pre-schools were identified in the **Navithanveli DS Division**. The Schools are STR/ Namagal Vidiyalayam, STR/ Kannagi Vidiyalayam and STR/ Sanmuga Vidiyalayam. All these schools were started on the 2st of January 2007 with limited resources. Schools are functioning in temporary buildings, and Year one and two are being conducted now. They will increase up to year five

The Principals explained the following reasons for starting these Schools.

- Most of the parents are not aware of the value of Education.
- Due to limited transport facilities dropout is high.
- Very low job opportunity in the division.
- Navithanveli DS Division was badly affected during the civil war last year. Most of the people were displaced and resettled.
- Most of the people lived in Cottages until last year. Now the NGOs and semi government organizations are providing houses

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Shelter

Permanent Housing

Constructions of permanent houses for selected IDPs of Trincomalee is completed in Alayadivembu and Akkaraipattu DS Division.



Livelihood Project

Pottery

The agreements have signed for the new pottery sales centre by CHA. Estimates were prepared for the repair work of the centre. Resource Persons for the business, start up trainings have been identified..

Special Visits

Members of the "Neelan Thiruchelvam Trust", visited the CHA District Office. They held discussions with the District Officer regarding the present situation, in the District, particularly security of the civilians, free movement and other crucial matters.



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BADULLA

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Public Servant Meeting

A meeting was organized on the 22nd of September at Pitapola, Soronatota by Rural Economic Development Foundation with the assistance of CHA. The objective of the meeting was to make the community aware on the services available through the Government offices in the village and the ways to approach them. Mr. D.M. Dharmadasa, Social Service Officer-Badulla Divisional Secretariat was the Resource Person at the programme.



Field Visits

Arranged the field visits for the listening project conducted by representatives of INGOs and CDA from the 26th to 30th of September.

Assisted and guided the officers during the field visits. Following were the field visits undertaken:

- 26th Sept: Govipola-Soronatota, and Meegahakiula.
- 27th Sept: AGA, Development Officer-Kachcheri, US-COD, Power Foundation, Plan Sri Lanka, WUSC, SARVODAYA, Muslim, Hindu, and Christian priests.
- 28th Sept: Hali-Ela, Unugolla, and Welimada.
- 29th Sept: Uva Shakthi Foundation-Passara, Nusrath Foundation-Passara, and Elteb Estate.



PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

Publications Disseminated

Distributed CHA publications to organizations in the district.

CPN district newsletter

The newsletter for August 2007 was compiled and sent for printing by the district office.

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BADULLA (contd....)

PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

The CPN Meeting was held on 27th of September at USCOD, Badulla. A total of 18 members participated at the meeting. Milanka (Assistant District Officer) facilitated the meeting. Several issues including legal aid service through the district office.

An awareness programme on HIV/AIDS was organized in the afternoon at the Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Unit, General Hospital, Badulla. Dr. Mahinda Perera was the Resource Person at the session. He explained the CPN members on the spread of the disease, prevention and so on.



Free Legal Aid Service

AAL Indika Ruwan De Silva and AAL S.Sathiyamoorthy were present at the district office on Thursdays and Fridays respectively to give legal advice to the clients.

A Mobile Legal Clinic was held on the 1st of September at Mahinda College, Hali-Ela with the help of Kantha Swashakthi Sangamaya, Hali-Ela. Lawyer S.Sathiyamoorthy conducted the clinic.

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BATICALOA

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Livelihood Forum

The monthly livelihood forum was held on the 16th of September at CHA Conference Hall, Batticaloa. Representatives of Bank of Ceylon, Peoples' Bank, HNB, Seylan Bank, Commercial Bank and SANASA bank. Introduction to Banking facilities for the development of Batticaloa District and Livelihood activities in the Batticaloa District were discussed.



Steering Committee Meeting

The First District Steering Committee Meeting was held on 23rd September 2008 at Katcheri. Confidence Building and stabilization Measures Project, Batticaloa District.

- Welcome address by the Additional GA of the Batticaloa District
- Introduction and the objectives of the CBSM Project by the National Coordinator of the CBSM Project

- Structure of the CBSM Project in Batticaloa District by the Head of UNHCR Batticaloa Office
- Specific issues relevant to Batticaloa by the CBSM District Coordinator
- Establishment of a Civil—Military Liaisons Committee at National Level, District Level by the CBSM National Coordinator.
- Vote of Thanks by CBSM District Coordinator.



PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

The library opening ceremony was held on the 9th of September at IDP (Trincomalee) welfare centre, Palameenmadu



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RedR workshops

A workshop on Sphere standard & ICRC Code of conduct were conducted by Mr. Shakthi, RedR on the 22nd & 23rd of September respectively at CHA Batticaloa District Office for NGOs in the Batticaloa District.



District Resource Centre

15 Persons including I/NGOs, Government officers and CBOs visited DRC and utilized the resources in the month of September 2008.

PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

The Monthly CPN Meeting was held on the 25th of September at the CHA conference hall, Batti. Around 60 participants attended from I/NGOs and Government departments. Following matters were discussed:

- Previous meeting minutes
- Discussion on registration of vehicles in SL Army Camp at Onthachimadam and Mylampavali
- Discussion on development needs and issues in Divisional level
- Introduction to banking facilities for the development of Batticaloa district
- Introduction to milk based products centre of SEDO Kaluthavalai.



Livelihood Project

Pottery

A meeting was held with selected pottery beneficiaries on the 02nd of September at Thiruperunthurai. Nimal, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and Sylvester, District Officer, Field Officer and Programme Officer were present at the meeting.

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BATTICALOA (contd....)

Restoring Dignity and Protection of Conflict-Affected Persons

Shelter

A field visit was undertaken by Nimal, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and Jegan, Programme Officer on the 2nd of September. Sixteen permanent houses were allocated in Vellamunai, Mullamunai and Koolavadi-chenai, in Vavunathivu DS division.



Construction of 7 permanent houses is ongoing at Mullamunai, Vellamunai and Koolavadichenai in Vavunathivu DS division.

Livelihood Cane Product Training

Nimal, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, visited the Cane Product Livelihood Training (direct implementation) centre at Vantharumoolai on the 2nd of September. He discussed about their interests and outcomes with the beneficiaries. Nalaka, Admin Officer and Jegan Rajaratnam, Programme Officer were also present.



Small grantees project at Vantharumoolai (SADO) dug well beneficiary from Uthayanmoolai. She utilized the water to the home garden and getting Rs. 750/- in a daily manner.



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BATTICALOA (contd....)

Water & Sanitation

Construction of Toilets - Panichiyadimunmari

30 permanent toilets are under construction at Panichiyadimunmari, Paddipalai DS division. The agreement was signed on the 17th of September between CHA and 4 contractors at CHA District Office, Batticaloa.

On the 17th of September, contractors signed the contract in the witness of the Mr. Sylvester, Batticaloa District Officer and Jegan Rajaratnam, Programme Officer.



The construction of toilets is ongoing at Vattiyamadu, Patharkulam & Panichiyadimunmari in Paddipalai DS division.

Cabin & Sokit pit - 15 nos

Earth Excavation - 08 nos

Sokit Pit - 07 nos



Small Grantees – SADO – Vantharumoolai (Watsan Activities)

Nimal, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, interviewed the SADO (Small Grantees) Vantharumoolai beneficiaries during his monitoring visit on the 2nd of September. There are 31 toilets and wells dug.



Livelihood Assistance (Ganthi Sewa Sangam - Kokkodicholai)

Livelihood assistance was given to B. Pirasoban at Arasadithivu, Kokkodicholai who lost his eyes due to cancer at the age of 5yrs to put up a boutique. His mother earns income from the boutique for Pirasoban's medical needs.

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BATTICALOA (contd....)



Nimal (Monitoring and Evaluation Officer) interviewed Ms. Y. Kajenthini (17yrs) studying in 11th grade who received the assistance from the Ganthi Sewa Sangam, Kokkodicholai. She supports her family by selling the milk production from their cow.



Meeting with Small Grantees – SADO – Vantharumoolai

A meeting was held on the 2nd of September, in the presence of Nimal (Monitoring and Evaluation Officer), Nalaka (Admin Officer), Sylvester (District Officer), Jegan (Programme Officer) at SADO, to discuss the selection of beneficiaries, work plan, implementation, progress, monitoring, financial difficulties faced during the short term project implementation.

Progress of work was discussed. They requested CHA to assist. Ms. Yoganayagi (Coordinator), Ms. Chandirika (Field officer) and Mr. Sithiravel (Accountant) shared.



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GALLE

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Meeting on Good Governance Symposium was held on the 1st of September with Commissioner Provincial Local Authorities at Commissioner's Office Galle, Pubudu (District Officer) and Dinali (District Officer Projects) participated at the meeting. The commissioner sought assistance from CHA to coordinate with Government and NGOs and thanked CHA for the continuous assistance rendered.

Meeting held with District Secretary IDB on finding suppliers for Mushroom Sales Centre at the DS Office on the 3rd of September.

The Minor, Small and Medium Entrepreneurs' Forum was held on the 8th of September at Galle District Secretariat

A Meeting on Good Governance Symposium was held on the 8th of September with Commissioner, Provincial Local Authorities at Commissioner's office to discuss symposium in detail.

Livelihood Forum was held at Hall De Galle. The manager of PABC Galle delivered a speech on banking, services they render to the public. He highlighted his willingness to work together with I/NGOs in Galle district. The participants initially planned some projects targeting livelihood to get banking assistance and technical assistance from PABC.



Research on Human Rights and Fundamental Rights done by a team from Colombo was facilitated. Three persons (Tamil, Muslim and Sinhalese) were interviewed by the team.

Psychosocial Forum was held on the 23rd of September at the took place at Galle CHA Office. Harshani (Psychosocial Monitoring Officer) and Ruwini (Environmental Coordinator) were present from Head Office. Subhoda (Psychosocial Officer) and Pubudu (District Officer) and Pasan were others present from the District Office.



An Exhibition on Good Governance was held on the 16th of September. This was to share the knowledge and to encourage employees.



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GALLE (contd...)

Monthly Programme at Elders' Home was held in Mahakumbura. District Officer (Projects) and Assistant attended the programme. Assistance was sought from CHA for sales of products such as papers bags.



A Workshop was held on research findings on community participation along the green belt in coastal area in Hikkaduwa on the 1st of September. The event was organized by Nature Forum and Dananjya was present at the event.

A Workshop on Introduction to Counselling for Psychosocial Officers was held on the 12th of September at Hambantota. Suboda, Psychosocial Officer, was present at the programme.

A Workshop on Stress Management for Police Officers was held on the 16th of September, the event was organized by Sewa Lanka. Subodha, Psychosocial Officer, was present at the programme.

PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

Training for Income Generation Programme was held in Colombo. Federation of Chamber of Commerce organized the event. This was to make the participants upgrade on methods which can be used for income generation. Pubudu (District Officer) and Samantha (Information Assistant) were present at the programme.

Livelihood Training Programme on bookkeeping, maintain records and related techniques was held on the 24th of September in Akmeemanaa.

The selected group consisted of 31 small scale entrepreneurs as they required more knowledge on bookkeeping. Through proper bookkeeping an entrepreneur can maintain records accurately which can be used in decision making, and planning, etc. indirectly proper record keeping will lead to increase in profits. Mrs. U. N. G. Chandra, SEFA, trainer, Manager Business and Vocational Development Institute were present at the programme.



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A Meeting with the Human Resources Development Officers was held on the 25th of September to discuss the future plans for the District Resource Centre. Samantha, Information Assistant, facilitated the programme.



A Workshop on Yogurt and Dairy Production was held for 25 beneficiaries in Habaraduwa area. In collaboration with Habaraduwa DS office CHA assisted them in their production through an initial training. Beneficiaries of this workshop were low income earning category and the event was a lively and practical session. The production of yoghurt and dairy products were demonstrated by the resource person. A Technical Officer from Vidatha (DS Office) and Miss Salgamuwa were Resource Persons for the event.



PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

A Livelihood Workshop Targeting Technical Problem Solving Session for Mushroom Cultivators was held at Hall De Galle on the 22nd of September. Dr. Wasantha Kumara, Professor at University of Ruhuna, was the Resource Person. There were nearly 130 participants present at the programme. Apart from Dr. Kumara, there were two more resource persons to make the participants aware mushroom cultivation in detail. The beneficiaries raised many questions on cultivation and disease related to mushroom; Dr. Wasantha and participants brought affected samples to be shown to the audience. The event was very successful and the participants were satisfied.



Legal Assistance was provided to 40 clients from Nayana (Legal Officer-Colombo), Ajith (District Legal Officer) Sajith and Mrs. Mendis (retired registrar). Most cases were related to land issues and some were having problems in obtaining their pensions. Legal manager, Institute of Human Rights, Mr. Sujith De Silva conducted a lecture on Human Rights, the difference between Human Rights and Fundamental Rights and he further discussed the influence of these on Governmental servants. The participants were given a chance to make their inquiries in relation to law and human rights.

Packing Training Session was held on the 25th of September at Sarvodaya Food Processing Centre. It was particularly arranged for Thalpe and Kathaluwa mushroom beneficiaries.

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The Resource Person for the programme was Mrs. Pushpa Senavirathan, a former trainer, Cathy Rich Memorial Food Processing Centre. The trainer made the audience aware of many techniques which can be used for packing and packing of food. Pubudu (District Officer) and Saman present at the event.



CPN Meeting was held on the 19th of September.

A training programme on journalism is being planned for those interested in journalism. Known journalist are to be invited as Resource Persons.

A Youth Forum is to be formed in Galled district targeting on training youth for self employment and to upgrade their skills.

Legal assistance at CHA district office

The Para-legal Officer carried out a field field visit to Gulugaha Kanda Watta Estate to solve a case related to land as follow up for the Mobile Clinic held at Nagoda.

About 20 clients came to District Office on the 19th of September.



Reading Circle was held at Mabotuwana Orphanage on the 1st of September. Thirteen children in a orphanage were targeted. The programme was organized by CPN, Kottawa Praja Shakthi Foundation.

Livelihood Project

A field visit to Kathaluwa was undertaken on 1st and 2nd of September to see the requirements of beneficiaries. A visit to EDB to check on mushroom seeds.

The beneficiary meeting was held on the 18th of September at Thalpe.

CEFE training at Matara every weekend for CIDA field officer for the month of September.

A field visit was done on the 24th of September to Thalpe.

Weekly Computer Classes

A computer class is being held for school leavers and the unemployed. This was requested by CPN members. This class is conducted by Samanmalee, Assistant, on Thursdays.



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HAMBANTOTA

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Operational Meeting

Hambantota DS division operational meeting was held on the 26th of September at Divisional Secretariat Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by Mr. N. Kandambi, Assistant Director Planning. A total of 12 NGOs participated at the meeting.



Livelihood Coordination Meeting was held on the 23rd of September at the SPREAP Conference hall in the District Secretariat premises. The meeting was focused to discuss issues/ problems and possible actions in reed production sector. Producers, suppliers, buyers, Government and NGO, bankers participated at the meeting.



PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

DRC Activities for the month

- General activities of Youth Forum.
- Arranged the Psychosocial Data Base with Psychosocial Officer.
- Coordinating & Facilitating job vacancies to the 10 job seekers
- Providing information to the organizations who have requested from our DRC
- Arranging the report on training needs which have needed to Hambantota District.
- Arranging Monthly Situation Report
- Activities of Listening Project
- Categorizing DRC Publications in standard method
- Activities of Samodagama English Class.
- Activities of DRC Livelihood Training Program

Visitors for the month

A total of 28 persons visited and utilised the DRC resources.

E- Village Project

The English classes and computer classes of Dialog E village project is in progress at Madamulana, Weerekatiya.

New Link to Disseminate Information

Hambantota District Resource Centre established a new link in Ambalantota DS division to disseminate information & statistics to the I/NGOs, public and private offices, school students & teachers. As the first stage of this event, we promoted our services & opportunities which gained from CHA District Resource Centre to the all agencies & individuals who seek for information, statistics and any knowledge services.

Meta Trade Link Proposal

Attended the workshop held at Global Towers on Meta Trade Link, organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industries in Sri Lanka.

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HAMBANTOTA (contd...)

Meeting—Youth Empowerment

CHA participated at the meeting organized by DFCDP on Youth Empowerment. Links were built up with youth societies in Ambalantota DS Division. A Youth Forum will be arranged.

Progress of Samodagama English Class

Samodagama English class is being conducted successfully. There is a good attendance. It has been identified that there is a good progress in the students. In the test held recently, all students have got over 75%.

PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

The Monthly CPN Meeting was held on the 2nd of September at Vijaya Restaurant, Ambalantota with the participation of 24 members. New members were appointed for different CPN positions.

A CPN Special Meeting was held on the 17th of September at CHA District office with participation of 14 members, to discuss about Sisujaya Scholarship program.



Mobile Clinic follow- up

As a mobile clinic follow up which was held at Waduruppa, a legal aid program was conducted on the 9th and 12th of September at CHA District Office with the participation of District Director Land Reform Commission and CHA District Lawyer. The main objective of this program was to discuss and coordinate with relevant authorities people who are looking for land documents.



Legal Assistance at the District Office

Ms. Tharanga Ranmadu, District Legal Officer, was presented at the district office on Friday to advice clients on legal issues.

- New Cases : 12
- Follow up Case : 14
- Total Cases : 26

Mushroom project

The monthly progress review meeting of the JDC mushroom project was held on the 19th of September at Wallodaya Ranna. Their progress, issues and their future plans were discussed at the meeting.

Field visit at Suriyawawa and Ambilipitiya

A field visit was undertaken to Suriyawawa and Ambilipitiya area to collect information. A visit was also made to the dragon fruit and grapes cultivation land on the 30th of September.

Workshop on Counseling and Communication Skills

An Awareness Program on Counseling and Communication Skills was held at Ambalantota Breeze Hotel with the participation of 60 Psychosocial Protection Officers and Volunteer Officers. The objective of the program was to develop the skills to expand their services. Resource Persons was Mr. Pramapala Pathirana, External Lecturer, University of Ruhuna.



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JAFFNA

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

The Monthly CPN Meeting was held on the 16th of September at the GTZ William Harvey Centre Hall, with the participation of 25 persons.



Livelihood Forum Meeting was held on the 24th of September with the participation of over 23 members from several organizations.

PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

Workshop for Poultry Farming

One-day workshop was organized on the 17th of September for beneficiaries engaged in poultry farming in the recent months. Objective of the programme was to give them a better knowledge on poultry farming and other related aspects. More than 35 beneficiaries of CHA and its partner organizations participated at the event. The Department of Animal Husbandry provided us the Resource persons for the workshop. It was organized by Suhanthan, Information Assistant, under the Resource centers program



CPN Newsletter

Distributed the following number of CPN Tamil news letter and issued more than 50 magazines of the Humanitarian Tamil version.



Peace Initiative

Conducted a peace initiative programme just after the Peace Day in two schools at Anaikottai, Balasubramaniya Vidyalam of Aniakkottai and Mayilitty Roman Catholic Mix School.

Hundred and seventy five school children and 15 teachers and principals were gathered at both of these schools. A 'shramadana' was done by the school children inside the school premises. At the end of the 'shramadana', refreshments and educational equipments were distributed.

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JAFFNA (contd...)



PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

Educational Assistance

Computer hardware tool kits were provided for 32 students who have undergone computer hardware training at the Zonal Education Department in Jaffna with the assistance of non formal education unit of Jaffna . The distribution programme took place on the 26th of September



A cupboard and a black board were provided to a pre school at Thirunelveli Jaffna. It was done as a follow up of to the Livelihood Forum meeting held in August.



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JAFFNA (contd...)

Livelihood Assistance

Two orphan students who are IDPs from Allaipitty, were provided assistance for Tailoring classes for six months at TRRO.

Evaluation

Staffs from head office finance section visited Jaffna during last week to conduct an evaluation program by visiting CHA's direct and indirect beneficiaries. They visited our partner organizations Leeds, NVDAG and FRC.



Relief and Reconstruction

- Construction work has been undertaken to be completed at Maathahal. It belongs to the Kalimalgal Community Centre. It had been incomplete for quite some and CHA undertook reconstruction.
- Constructed two tube wells at the Jaffna Prison was commenced at the beginning of September, since there is an urgent need for water for the prisoners and others who are kept there.

- Have started providing food stuffs for persons working at the road construction at Oorani in Puthoor from last week



- Educational and Sanitation material, food and lodging facilities were provided for three University students of Jaffna
- Educational assistance was provided to two students with the recommendation of the Mullaitheevu GA.



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KALUTARA

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Livelihood Forum Meeting was held on the 24th of September at the CHA District Office. Target group was the trainees of mini workshop who obtained the basic training on the production of jewelry boxes. Beginners as well as the experts of the sector attended at the forum meeting. Key points discussed were capital investment, availability of raw materials, ability to practice as livelihood, risk involved with the success, market opportunities, competitors, products export.



Farewell party for GA

CHA organized farewell of Mr. D.P.L.C. Perera, Additional GA, Kalutara on his retirement. Heads of all I/NGOs in the district participated at the event and offered their regards. It was organised at the District Office on the 25th of September. Disaster Management Centre, Legal Aid Commission and few Government officials also participated at the event.



PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

CKC Information Alert was circulated among NGO and Government offices in the district. DRC facilities were utilized by the 36 users. New publications were distributed among NGOs, Government officials and disaster management coordination unit. 4 months computer training programme commenced during the month. Number of expected trainees are 12. That group composed of police, agriculturists, CBO officers and job seekers. Both theory and practical sessions are conducted through out the programme.



Reading Classes were conducted at the district office to improve children's literary. Classes are being conducted on Mondays and Tuesdays. Children of low income families is the target group.

PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

CPN Monthly Meeting was held on the 11th of September at the CHA District Office. Fund raising for after school education programme was started by distributing ticket books among CPN members. A total of 32 participants attended the meeting. Formation of disaster relief fund and identity card issues at plantation sector were the key issues discussed.

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KALUTARA (contd..)



Environment Disaster Management Programme Small Grant Scheme

Progress of the activities was monitored. Some of the beneficiaries had completed their projects. Organic home gardens, organic model farm, recycling plant and few plant nurseries have been made under small grant scheme in the district.



CPN Educational Development Programme

Programme provides support to 3 rural schools for conducting after-school classes, free of charge.

It was reported that one child had passed the grade 5 scholarship examination after number of years at a rural primary school that was supported by this programme. There is a total of 19 students in the school. Programme proceeds at 3 rural schools



CPN Pension Promotion Programme

Another pension promotion programme was conducted on the 10th of September at Panadura. Target group was house wives. Their husbands earn daily wages. There was a requirement for a follow up as well.



Payment was done by CHA to the Social Security Board to obtain the pension deed and the receipt was handed over to a beneficiary. She is unmarried, lives alone without a guardian. Only income earning method was by sales of home garden products.



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KALUTARA (contd..)

CPN Follow up programme

Few months back CPN identified two ladies who do not have any source of income and have faced many difficulties in living. Elder woman is at age 63 and her disabled sister at 55. Their house and roof were also damaged. CHA granted money (Rs 8,000) to renovate their roof as a follow up. Their roof was renovated on the 21st of September with the participation of CPN members.



Free Legal Aid Service at District Office

District Legal Officer rendered free legal aid service at the district office. Para-legal Volunteer conducted number of awareness programmes in rural villages to spread our legal aid services.

Mobile Legal Clinic was conducted on the 9th of September at Aguruwathota, Kalutara, a remote area in the District. A total of 40 persons came to obtain legal assistance. Free legal advice was provided and certain cases were referred to the relevant legal aid institutions. The other matters which could be helped were referred to the Kalutara CHA District office. Additionally, Mrs. W.A. Mendis, Retired Registrar conducted a documentation clinic to the people giving assistance and filling the documents which we down loaded from the Register General Department web site, other than that we get the support form Mrs. Munasingha, Retired Land Commissioner to give legal advice to the people who wanted solve problem of the Government land.

Complaints summary of the clinic

Type	Total
Private land	
Government Land	16
Berth Certificate	02
Identity card	03
Money	07
Divorce	05
Criminal	02
Compensation	01
Maintenance	02
Accident	01
	01
Grand Total	40



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KALUTARA (contd..)

Mushroom Project

Meetings of mushroom growing beneficiaries were conducted at Bulathsinhala and Beruwala. Most of the beneficiaries have completed mushroom huts construction up to roof level. Barrels were supplied to the beneficiaries for sterilization of media bags. Few of the growers had started mushroom growing.



Rise based project & sales centre

Project beneficiaries were selected. First discussion was done with selected beneficiaries to set them for coming 5 days residential training programme on rice based productions. Few other trainings were also being organized such as SIYB.



Mini Workshop for the Self Employed

2 days work shop on watch boxes production was conducted as the 3rd mini work shop Kalutara. 15 participants were trained in the work shop. Most of them were unemployed or self employed women. Training and raw material were also provided under CIDA funds during the training period.



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MANNAR

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Child Development Committee Meeting was held on the 18th of September at the Government Conference Hall, Mannar Kachcheri. Information Assitant represented CHA. Staff from I/NGOs and Government Departments were present at the meeting.

PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

Visitors for the month

A total of 58 visitors utilised the services of the DRC. Details are as follows:

A/L and O/L students-	38
University students-	04
NGO Staff-	16
Total-	58



Field Visits were made to various educational departments, Town Council, NGOs and KAchcheri for collection of information.

English Classes and IT training programme is being arranged for the school leavers. The duration of the class is 3 months.

Publications Disseminated

Information Update, Reflections and Manithabimanam were disseminated to Government Departments, I/NGOs, CBOs and religious leaders.

Income Generation

Sales of Publications:-

Nilanokku	Rs. 150
Grand view	Rs. 150
Total	Rs. 300

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MATARA

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Monthly Psychosocial Forum was held on the 25th of September at the CHA Matara District Office with the participation of Government Officers & Non Government Officers. Mrs. Chandra Ranjani (Project Officer, Save the Children in Sri Lanka), Dr. Anura Chandrasena (Mental Health Doctor of RDHS Office) and Ms. Nilusha Harshani (PS Monitoring Officer) CHA presented the job roles of their institutions at this PS forum.



Psychosocial Workshops

The workshop for the special education teachers was held on the 21st of September at Samupakara Mandira with the participation of 14 teachers. The Resource Persons for the workshop was Director of Informal & Special education and Dr. Danuja Mahesh, Mental Health Doctor of Matara General Hospital.



Divisional Secretariat Meeting - Kotapola

Divisional Secretariat meeting was held on the 18th of September at Kotapola DS office with participation of 32 members. Save the children, CHA, CBOs & Government officers were participated. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ekanayake, Divisional Secretary.

PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE CENTRE

Visitors for the Month

During this month, 26 visitors from NGOs, CBOs & Government officers have visited the DRC to gather information.

Distribution of Publications

The workshop for the special education teachers was held on the 21st of September at Samupakara Mandira with the participation of 14 teachers. While Continuing the Programme DRC Activities were introduced. The Books related to Long – term Strategic Planning for the psychosocial sector & newsletter 'Reflections' were distributed.

Income Generation

Ground View Sale 30* 8 -	Rs. 240.00
Hall Service -	Rs. 500.00
Photocopy -	Rs. 150.00
Total -	<u>Rs. 890.00</u>

PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

Monthly CPN Meeting was held on the 2nd of September at CHA Matara Office premises. A total of 20 members participated at the meeting from NGOs and CBOs. Most of the time was dedicated for discussion of the scholarship programme.

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MATARA (contd...)



Mobile Legal Clinic was held in Dickwella on the 29th of September with the help of Surasa Development Foundation, Dickwella. About 20 clients participated to get support for their legal problems. Ms. Meththa Narasinghe, Matara District Lawyer assisted the clients. The Para Legal Volunteer and the CPN Volunteer also participated at the programme.



Monthly Mushroom Entrepreneurs Committee Meeting was held on the 4th of September at CHA Matara District Office with participation of 25 entrepreneurs. Ms. Lakshi Maliyadda & Ms. Ruwini Perera from Head Office participated to the meeting & discussed issues of the beneficiaries. The presentation on good and bad consequences caused to the environment by mushrooms was presented by Ruwini (Environment Coordinator).



Mushroom Meeting – Deniyaya

The first meeting of forty trained beneficiaries of the mushroom training programme was conducted covering the Kotapola DS area was held on the 22nd of September at Deniyaya.



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MATARA (contd...)

Meeting with Beneficiaries of Mushroom Project

The District Officer, Matara District Office, arranged the meeting to discuss with beneficiaries of CIDA funded project (mushroom) on the 24th of April at CHA Matara District Office. Around 35 beneficiaries were attended from Matara, Kamburupitiya, Kotapola and Akuressa. Two officers from CIDA were present and problems faced by beneficiaries were discussed.



Both officers from CIDA made a field visit to Matara & Kamburupitiya to monitor the progress of some mushroom cultivators on the 24th of September 2008.



A Field Visit was undertaken by District Officer together with the team from Head Office to select a suitable land a new project – Dairy Farm on the 18th of September.



Free English Language Learning Programme - Kotapola

The English Class is being conducted successfully at Kotapola Maha Vidyalaya premises every Saturday. Para Legal Volunteer & Assistant made a field Visit to monitor it on the 20th of September (Saturday).



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PUTTALAM

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Survey on House requirements of the Host communities – Session II

CHA Puttalam District Office along with a selected organizations in Puttalam namely OPED, CTF and some elites in the host community conducted a series of meetings during September. After discussing the criteria development, further action of involving the volunteers, linking the Ministry of Disaster Management were shortly discussed.

Visit of Internews Network

The staff of Internews visited CHA Puttalam District Office on the 18th of September for discussing vocational training program in Puttalam and problems caused in relation to use of drugs.

Visit of FLICT

Facilitating Local Initiatives for Conflict Transformation (FLICT) visited the district office on the 9th September. They gathered information to plan their future regional based projects intended to implement during the year 2009.

SGBV Forum

CHA participated at the SGBV forum meeting regarding sexual gender based violence in the Puttalam district & received information on sexual gender based violence to feed in the CHA web based database

PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

Visitors for the Month

During this month 18 visitors from I/NGOs, Government Offices, and students utilized the DRC for various services and collecting information. The visitor's book at the DRC had been separately maintained apart from district office.

Collection of Articles

The articles and interviews were collected for the Ground View, Manithabimanam Newsletters from field visits by DRC

Publication Disseminated

“Manithabimanam” was disseminated among CPN members, beneficiaries, resource centre visitors and schools.

New Publications available at DRC



Income Generation

A training on Meta Trade Link Proposal, was conducted to CHA at Global Towers Hotel, Wellawatte on the 26th of September. The training was given by the Federation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Sri Lanka. District Officer and Information Assistant participated in this programme

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT OFFICES SEPTEMBER 2008

PUTTALAM (contd...)

PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

Monthly CPN Meeting was held on the 4th of September at CHA Puttalam District Office meeting hall. A total of 27 CPN members attended the meeting.



CPN field visits

1. Field visit to Soltern 11, Puttalam

Mr. Inzaf (CPN Volunteer) made field visit on the 10th of September to Soltern 11, to assess the situation of house needy family and request forwarded to Relief and Rehabilitation Unit.

2. Field visit to Kanamullai, Madurankuly

Mr. Inzaf (CPN Volunteer) made field visit on the 17th of September to Kanamullai to assess the situation of disabled person on requesting wheel chair and request forwarded to Child Vision for further action.

Free Legal Aid Service at the District Office

During month of September, 12 clients visited the District Office to seek advice for their legal issues.



Visit of CPN Member Organizations

During month of September, 15 local organizations and two INGOs visited CHA Puttalam District Office.

Restoring Dignity and Protection of Conflict-Affected Persons

During the month of September, Relief and Rehabilitation Unit completed 2 training programs for selected beneficiaries. The details of training as follow,

Date	Location Name	Number of participants	Org.
01st / 02nd Sept	Sena-kudirippu	22	IUDO
03rd / 04th Sept	Y.M.M.A.	24	IUDO



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TRINCOMALEE

PROGRAMME AREA 1- COORDINATION, FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Operational Meeting

The monthly Operational meeting was organized on the 24th of September by CHA with the collaboration of NGOo Consortium of Trincomalee District, along with the participation of 10 representatives from the I/NGO and Government officers.



District Livelihood Forum Meeting was held on the 23rd of September, with the participation of 39 representatives from the Fisheries societies leaders, I/NGO, Government Officers and CBOs. It was discussed to facilitate fishing, agriculture and livelihood for the HR victims and widows



Meetings/ Workshops Attended

- CHR D Workshop was held on the 11th of September at Green Park Hotel. It was organized by CHR D Colombo.

- Coordination Committee Meeting was held on the 12th of September at Social Services Department. It was organized by Social Services Department.
- Consortium Meeting was held on the 13th of September. It was organized by the NGO Consortium.
- Disability Actors Coordination Meeting was held on the 18th of September. It was organized by the Social Services Department.

PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

Visitors for the Month

During this month nearly 35 visitors which included of NGOs, Students, and Government Officers utilized the DRC for various services, such as e-library, book references and collecting information. The visitor's book at the DRC had been very useful to collect the comments from the visitors.

Income Generation

Conference Hall –	9000.00
Multimedia with Screen-	7250.00
Internet Browsing –	<u>160.00</u>
Total	<u>16410.00</u>

Use of the Conference Hall and Capacity Building Programme:

During this month the following meetings and events were held in the CHA Conference hall.

- CPN Meeting
- Livelihood meeting
- Operational meeting
- Human Rights Network meeting
- “Reading Club” Programme.

Under the Capacity Building Programme for the Local NGOs the following organizations used the CHA conference hall for office purposes. There are;

- SDRO's Film circle session.
- ENET's Gateway English class for school students.

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TRINCOMALEE (contd...)

Publications Disseminated

The following publications were disseminated free of charge to the individuals at the CPN Resource Centers:

- The CPN Newsletters was print sent to the respected Districts from DRC.
- The Manithapimanam Newsletter was designed and printed through Trinco CHA, for distribution to all Districts.

Ongoing “Reading Club” Programme

During this month DRC organized the Reading club for the IT classes. The members of this Reading club read the publications, and accessed the internet browsing facilities in the DRC.



Field visits

Articles and interviews were collected for the Ground View website, Livelihood and Manithapimanam Newsletters from many field visits by DRC.

Field visits to the JobNet for conducting the “Job fairs” through DRC.

PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

The CPN Meeting was held on the 16th September. It was chaired by Mrs. T. Shanthini (President) and Mr. J. Nilamdeen (Information Coordinator). Mr. Chandra kumara was present from Head Office. It was discussed and decided to facilitate education, CPN news letter and IDPs issues.



Education assistance

The CPN members have provided education assistance for a poor student from their September traveling allowances.



CPN Resource Centers

CHA Colombo team visited Irrakkakandy and Anpupalipuram and monitored the CPN Resource centers in two DS divisions to promote reading knowledge to the poor communities.



CPN Resource centre in Irrakandy

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TRINCOMALEE (contd...)



CPN Resource centre in Anpuvalipuram

PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

Resettlement activities

CHA and NGO Consortium of Trincomalee visited Eachchlampathu from 24th to 26th of September to monitor the resettlement activities for Eachchlamapathu .



Housing issues in Senaiuoor of Eachchlampathu



Temporary shelter life in Echchlampatu



Housing scheme for Eachchlampthu

Environment Disaster Management Programme

CHA visited Echchlampathu and monitored the EDMP Replanting programme

Jack Plantation



Mango Plantation



HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT OFFICES SEPTEMBER 2008

TRINCOMALEE (contd...)

HR Desk Activities

Received 10 Human Rights Violation cases for the month of September through the H.R. desk



CHA provided livelihood assistance to 69 conflict affected families for their self employment.



The 4th HR and Legal Aid Services Coordination Meeting was held on the 25th of September with the participation of I/NGOs. It was facilitated by CHA. Discussion was held about livelihood for HR victims and other legal assistance. This forum was initiated by CHA Trincomalee to discuss about the HR and Legal related issues and coordinate legal activities.



Construction of Toilets is in progress for Sri Shanmuga Boy's Home in Trincomalee District.



Construction of New Houses is in progress for the Trincomalee and Kinniya war affected families, and the monitoring of the construction work had been carried out by Mr.V.Sritharan, RR Monitoring Officer on the 28th of September.



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VAVUNIYA

PROGRAMME AREA 2 – KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND RE- SOURCE CENTRE

English Classes for School Leavers

On the 20th of September, the English class was conducted for school leavers and CPN members. There were 39 students in class. Mr. Somashkantharaja (From Education Department language coordinator) was the Resource Person.



Visitors for the Month

A total of 20 visitors from various I/NGOs, CBOs, Government Departments and University utilised the DRC.

Income Generation

Sales of GV—	450.00
Sales of Security Manual-	250.00
Total	<u>700.00</u>

PROGRAMME AREA 3 - ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND POLICY DEBATE

CPN Meeting was held on the 23^h of September. A total of 40 participants were present at the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Kumarasamy (From ORHAN).

Restoring Dignity and Protection of Conflict-Affected Persons

- Relief items were provide to Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu continually through GA and DS



- Relief items were continually provided to Vavuniya North



- Medical assistance was provided to Vavuniya North trough DS. More than 200 beneficiaries got assistance through CHA.



HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT OFFICES SEPTEMBER 2008

VAVUNIYA (contd...)

- Construction work of two school buildings have been completed in Maravankulam School and Thalikkulam School



- Clothing was provided to Kantjinagar Sewing Centre to stitch children's garments to Vavuniya North as immediate relief.



- Livelihood Assistance was provided to persons whose Human Rights were violated.
- Gingerly oil production is ongoing



- Immediate relief was provided to a family



- Construction of MOH Children's Park has been completed .



Advocacy Programme

Support was given for two schools, Poovarasankulam Maha Vidyalayam and Saivaperagasa girls Vidyalayam to attend a National level sport meet.

CPN volunteer visited and spoke to the other organizations about community level issues, especially school children who require assistance, issues were forwarded to a CPN partner organization.

