

Operational Meeting

9 December 2005

Sri Lanka Institute of International Relations

Agenda

1. Updates from Recent meetings

- Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit Working Group
- Highlights from District Meetings – Galle, Kalutara, Jaffna

2. A presentation on Livelihoods Recovery Build Back better - Institute of Policy studies

3. Guidelines for commemorating the 1st Anniversary of the Tsunami Disaster – Mangrove - Batticaloa

4. AOB/ Announcements

Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit

- Presentation by Mr Sam Stembo Federation of Chambers of Commerce
 - Focus on bringing lost enterprises back into business
 - They have a database which lists every industry that has been affected and the loss incurred in rupee value
 - Aim to have at least 10,000 business enterprises up and running by 2007
- Field Investigations were conducted in Batticaloa and Thrikovil
 - Dealt with complaints made by people regarding the Rs. 150,000 they are entitled to and complaints of not being compensated for their partially damaged houses
- A capacity building programme for DRMU will be funded by OXFAM GB
- The peoples' consultations report will be out next week. HRC, UNDP, DRMU will invite the president for the book launch which will be held on either the 14, 16 or 19th of December.

Highlights from District Meetings

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AOB/Announcements

Press Release on the Promotion of Peace

This is an initiative by CHA and other local, national and international agencies to promote the dividends of Peace, the maintenance of stability islandwide especially in the Northern and Eastern districts, and not return to war.

The press release will be in English, Sinhala and Tamil languages and appear in all major newspapers. The drafters seek the support and collaboration of all agencies by 'signing on' to it.