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OPERATIONAL MEETING

9th December 2005

Sri Lanka Institute of International Relations (SLIIR)

No. 24, Horton Place, Colombo 07

List of participants

1. Americares
2. ADT
3. ADRA
4. Bridge Asia Japan
5. CASA
6. Concern
7. CARITAS
8. CIRO
9. Danida
10. Fulbright
11. FORUT
12. GOAL
13. IPS
14. ITDG
15. ILO
16. JEN Sri Lanka
17. JBIC
18. Johanniter
19. LDSC
20. Malteser
21. Methodist Headquarters
22. MDM France
23. Mercy Corps
24. Manitha Neyam Trust
25. OXFAM GB
26. Relief International
27. Srilanka Solidarity
28. S.M.E.I.E.Chamber
29. Save the Children
30. Sewalanka
31. Saude em portugues
32. Samaritan's Purse
33. SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka
34. Tearfund
35. The Mangrove
36. UN – HIC
37. UN-OCHA
38. WUSC

Chair- CHA

<p>1.</p>	<p>Information updates;</p> <p>A. Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit</p> <p>Nayomi gave an update on the recent DRMU meeting. The following points were covered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highlights of Presentation by Mr Sam Stembo Federation of Chambers of Commerce ▪ Field Investigations conducted in Batticaloa and Thrikovil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>B. Highlights from District Meetings</p> <p>Hishanthi provided an update on district issues. The discussed issues are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Galle- help needed in Dodanduwa ▪ Kalutara - Irish Red Cross are conducting Vocational Training Programmes. Employment will be provided to trainees. ▪ Jaffna - No place to look after the mentally handicapped. Tellipalai Hospital has facilities to treat but not for maintenance. 	<p>DRMU</p> <p>CHA</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>A Presentation on Livelihood Recovery Build Back Better – Institute of Policy Studies</u></p> <p>Paul Steele presented on the above topic. He went through the highlights and main findings of the Build Back Better Workshop held by IPS on December 1-2. The report of this workshop was circulated among the CHA mailing list. He said that they concentrated mainly on three areas: being aware of the pre-tsunami situation, using available local expertise, and ensuring participation from people all around the country. For further information, please find Mr. Steele's contact details, steele@slt.net.lk or Tel 2431368. Further details can be found on the presentation, which is available in our website.</p>	<p>IPS</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p>Guidelines for commemorating the Tsunami Disaster</p> <p>Mr Ananda Galappatti outlined the ten guidelines put out by the Mangrove. He said that these were guidelines developed by and for the agencies working in Batticaloa, where Mangrove is based, but now they have found their way to Colombo.</p> <p>For a complete list of the guidelines and further information please contact Mr Galappatti at</p>	<p>The Mangrove Network</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annie from ILO said that TAFREN has been renamed the Reconstruction and Development Agency, and will become an authority once passed by the Parliament. ▪ CHA has put out a press release on the Promotion of Peace. Jeevan said that the full text of this release will be circulated soon among the agencies. There was a suggestion that this should be sne out to the international press. Jeevan said that linkages from the international community present in SL could advocate these issues. There was also a suggestion that the contents of this release be communicated to national leaders. Jeevan said that CHA could initiate this process, and invited volunteers to come together to seek an audience with these leaders. ▪ The security situation was discussed next. It was mentioned that this situation will greatly affect the progress of the recovery process. David of OCHA said that there is a vacuum of discussion, debate and analysis going on. He said that it is important to discuss guidelines, contingency plans etc. Another agency representative said that it is important that we know what support the government can provide NGOs in this situation. ▪ Livelihood Forum will be held after the Operational meeting on the 16th December. 	

Tentative Calendar for Operational Meetings

8.15am to 9.30am every Friday (unless otherwise informed)

Sep-9	Sep 30	Oct 21
Sep 16	Oct 7	
Sep 23	Oct 14	