

Operational Meeting

14 October 2005
Sri Lanka Institute of International Relations

Agenda

AGENDA

1. Updates from Recent Meetings
 - Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit (DRMU) Working Group
 - Highlights from District Meetings
 - Fisheries Update- FAO
2. Tsunami Evaluation Coalition briefing and questions and answer session by Jon Dennett- TEC
3. AOB/Announcements

Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit (DRMU) Working Group update –12th October 2005

Permanent housing situation in Jaffna worse than anticipated. Only one house has been completed.

- Required number of houses – 1321
- Building Commenced – 494
- Completed houses - 01

DRMU has given two target dates for the organisations working on housing in Jaffna. Half the amount of the houses they have undertaken to construct should be completed by the Thai Pongal festival in January 2006 and the balance should be completed by the Sinhala and Tamil New Year in 2006.

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Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit (DRMU) Working Group update –12th October 2005

The housing situation in the South is picking up. Political influence in those areas has helped in some ways to give an added push.

- Samadhi Padanama has built 300 houses including a computer lab, mini library and playground.
- HSBC, Buddhist monks and other individuals too have funded the building of houses, schools etc, personally.

Highlights from District Meetings

Survey

Overall response to the survey was positive.
Suggestions will be incorporated at future meetings.
Results can be accessed
at <http://www.humanitarian-srilanka.org/CPRP/oppMeetings.php>

Follow-up on Actions

-Following the attack on the TRO Batticaloa office, a statement was drafted and circulated among Operational Agencies. A similar statement was released to the media, and appeared on Daily Mirror of October 13, and Daily Veerakesari of October 12.

-Gazette notification on the Buffer Zone, entitled 'Interim Guidelines for development within the Coastal Zone' was issued last week.

At the MoF meeting on Friday 7 Oct, it was stated that subsequent to the circulation of the official document, a significant number of exemptions had been made in all areas (East, North, South and West), and that a note would be circulated and a gazette notification would follow officially announcing the exemptions.

Fisheries Update- FAO

Tsunami Evaluation Coalition
briefing and questions and answer
session by Jon Dennett- TEC

AOB/ Announcements

Change of Venue

October 21st operational meeting (8:15 – 9:30)
&
Livelihood forum (9:45 – 11:00)

Will be held at Caritas-SEDEC auditorium
133, Kinsey Road, Colombo 8

Camp Management.

Guidelines provide proactive
introduction.



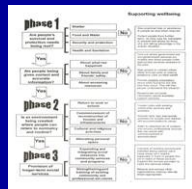
Supporting Children Booklet

Ideas for activities for supporting children
affected by the Tsunami.



Supporting wellbeing Leaflet

This could be used as a sideline for any Psychosocial intervention.



Peacebuilding Directory Sri Lanka

Aims to promote networking and collaboration among organizations working on peace related activities.



Addressing Internal Displacement: A framework for National Responsibility
Brookings Institute; Washington; 2005

The publication is intended to help governments address the problem of internal displacement in their countries in all its aspects.



Livelihood and Employment Creation; ILO, Colombo; 2005

These guides provide a practical introduction to employment and business related interventions. They are written for humanitarian and development field workers working on the promotion of self-reliance and livelihoods of displaced populations and other conflict related communities



Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) in Disaster Relief; IFRC; [Colombo]; 2005

This seeks to guard our standards of behavior. It is not about operational details but it seeks to maintain the high standards of independence, effectiveness and impact of which disaster response NGOs and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement aspires.



Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response: The Sphere Project; Switzerland, 2004

The publication is designed for use in disaster response, and may also be useful in disaster preparedness and humanitarian advocacy. It is applicable in a range of situations where relief is required, including natural disasters and armed conflicts.



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