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**OPERATIONAL MEETING**

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

**Sri Lanka Institute of International Relations (SLIIR)**

**No. 24, Horton Place, Colombo 07**

**List of participants**

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| 1. Americares        | 28. Malteser            |
| 2. ADB               | 29. Manitha Neyam Trust |
| 3. ACF               | 30. NCCSL               |
| 4. Acted             | 31. Stromme Foundation  |
| 5. ADRA              | 32. Srilanka Solidarity |
| 6. Bridge Asia Japan | 33. S.M.E.I Chamber     |
| 7. CASA              | 34. Sewalanka           |
| 8. Concern           | 35. SLF                 |
| 9. CCF               | 36. Saude em Portugues  |
| 10. CCF Srilanka     | 37. TEC                 |
| 11. Care             | 38. TAFREN              |
| 12. CRWRC            | 39. TRO                 |
| 13. EMACE Srilanka   | 40. UN – HIC            |
| 14. Fulbright        | 41. UN-OCHA             |
| 15. FPA/ASH          | 42. World Vision        |
| 16. FIDR             |                         |
| 17. FAO              |                         |
| 18. HIA              | Chair- CHA              |
| 19. Helpage          |                         |
| 20. IPS              |                         |
| 21. IOM              |                         |
| 22. ILO              |                         |
| 23. JCCP             |                         |
| 24. Johanniter       |                         |
| 25. LEADS            |                         |
| 26. LDSC             |                         |
| 27. MDM Spain        |                         |

Agenda Item	Subject	Action by
1.	<p><b>Information updates;</b></p> <p><b>A. Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit</b></p> <p>Jeevan gave an update on the recent DRMU meeting. The following points were covered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent housing situation in Jaffna worse than anticipated. Only one house has been completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Required Number -1321</li> <li>- Building Commenced-494</li> <li>- Completed Houses-01</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The housing situation in the South is picking up. Political influence in those areas has helped in some ways to give an added push <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Samadhi Padanama has built 300 houses including a computer lab, mini library and playground</li> <li>- HSBC, Buddhist monks and other individuals too have funded the building of houses, schools etc, personally.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>There was a suggestion that more time be allocated for discussion and feedback.</p> <p>It was also suggested that district issues that are highlighted be followed up and reported at subsequent meetings.</p> <p><b>B. Highlights from District Meetings</b></p> <p>Hishanthi gave an update on districts issues. The discussed issues are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jaffna - Quality of water given to people in transitional shelters is very poor. CHA –CPRP District Representative has discussed with Water Board reps, who will contact Urban Council and ask them to conduct tests through PHIs</li> <li>• Trincomalee - Slow progress in the construction of Permanent Houses due to difficulty in finding land, and because relevant surveys have not been done.</li> <li>• Hambanthota- 50 families making their living by Paddy Farming (150 acres) at Madawinna yaya, and Watawala yaya. Seawater has come into paddy lands following the tsunami, making cultivation impossible.</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow up on Actions</b></p>	CHA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Fishery Sector</b></p> <p>Mr. Leslie Joseph made a presentation on the above topic. He explained about the damages to the industry, impact on the sector, issues related to repair and replacement of boats etc.</p> <p><i>More details on this presentation, is available on our website.</i></p>	<b>FAO</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Tsunami Evaluation Coalition</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Jon Dennett briefed about the TEC. He said that These evaluations represent the five joint thematic evaluations undertaken by collaborating groups of agencies involved in the TEC. The themes being considered are: coordination; needs assessment; donor response and fundraising; and impact on local and regional capacities.</p>	<b>TEC</b>
<b>3.</b>	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Operational meeting will be held at CARITAS-SEDEC at 8.15am-.930am.</li> </ul>	

### **Tentative Calendar for Operational Meetings**

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

Aug-5      Sep-9      Oct 7

Aug-12      Sep-16      Oct 14

-Aug-18      -Sep-23      Oct 21

Aug-26      -Sep-30