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Purpose:					
Meeting Date:	15 th Dec 06	StartTime:	8.15 am	EndTime:	9.30 am
Venue	LKIIR				
Meeting Chair:	Hashim	Phone:	4610943		
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Minute Taker:	Niranjani	Phone:	4610943		

Present

Organisation	Organisation	Organisation
FAO	CCF SL	Oxfam
ADRA	Helvetas	JEN
Relief Int	Mercy corps	British High Commission
Manitha Neyam Trust	Sewalanka	GAA
Emace	Sarvodaya	Samaritan's Purse
Northwest Medical teams	World Vision	Caritas/SEDEC
NRC	FORUT	American Red Cross
International Alert	Leads	IMC
TRO	CASP	ADT
IFRC	SMEI Chamber	Help from Germany
CHC	Acted	

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	<p><u>Meeting on the Development forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting was chaired by the Sec.Treasury. - The Annual forum will be held in Mid January - This would be an opportunity for all development partners to see the greater picture of the development in Sri Lanka. - The areas will be covered at the forum 1. Post tsunami recovery 2.The longer term development frame work, Need to provide proper environment for development partners would be discussed at the meeting 3. Economy, democracy, human rights issues also would be discussed at the forum. <p><u>Jaffna Situation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Limited food items – rice, flour dhal and sugar -essential commodities are not being supplied in sufficient quantities -The estimated monthly requirement of food items, rice, flour, sugar, dhal and other items is 12,000 MT. -33,600 MT supplies received during last from August and shortfall is 10,400MT - Livelihood issues and Nutritional status were discussed at the meeting <p>Food prices have gone up. Examples:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Price fixed</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Market Price</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Rice</td><td style="text-align: center;">40.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">100.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Flour</td><td style="text-align: center;">43.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">80.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Sugar</td><td style="text-align: center;">63.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">200.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Milk Powder</td><td style="text-align: center;">167.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">250.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Coconut Oil</td><td style="text-align: center;">100.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">1000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Garlic</td><td style="text-align: center;">100.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">600.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Tea</td><td style="text-align: center;">149.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">800.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Dry Chilies</td><td style="text-align: center;">223.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">800.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Coriander</td><td style="text-align: center;">82.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">800.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Fish</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">1000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Gingerly Oil</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">1000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Kerosene Oil</td><td style="text-align: center;">58.00</td><td style="text-align: center;">200.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Protection Concern (since August, 2006)</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td>Arbitrary killings</td><td style="text-align: right;">159</td></tr> <tr><td>Missing persons</td><td style="text-align: right;">127</td></tr> <tr><td>Abductions</td><td style="text-align: right;">23</td></tr> <tr><td>Arrests</td><td style="text-align: right;">26</td></tr> <tr><td>Youth surrendered at the HRC accommodated in the jail for safe custody</td><td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">30</td></tr> </table>		Price fixed	Market Price	Rice	40.00	100.00	Flour	43.00	80.00	Sugar	63.00	200.00	Milk Powder	167.00	250.00	Coconut Oil	100.00	1000.00	Garlic	100.00	600.00	Tea	149.00	800.00	Dry Chilies	223.00	800.00	Coriander	82.00	800.00	Fish		1000.00	Gingerly Oil		1000.00	Kerosene Oil	58.00	200.00	Arbitrary killings	159	Missing persons	127	Abductions	23	Arrests	26	Youth surrendered at the HRC accommodated in the jail for safe custody	30	
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IDP statistics was shown.

Context Analysis and Humanitarian Action - Review of year

1. Conflict and Human security

Hashim briefed on the followings:

- Restriction in movement
- Constraint in transporting building material, communication equipment
- Bureaucracy & red tape
- Surveillance/Monitoring
- Forced recruitment
- Lack of acceptance

Consequences :

- Accounted for 4000 casualties
- Lack of access
- Increase in IDPs
- Riots
- Claymore attacks
- Retaliatory attacks
- Air raids/Artillery
- Abductions/Assassinations
- Attack on agency offices

Initiatives:

- Security Forums
- Information sharing
- Manuals/guidelines
- Mechanism to send restricted materials

2. Post-tsunami Reconstruction Progress – 2006

Hishanthi provided an update on following sector's achievements and challenges.

1. Housing sector

2. Livelihood Sector

3 Infrastructure

(More details could be found in the presentation)

- Housing Sector : Policy Changes - Buffer Zone setbacks (end 2005); Revised Housing Policy

Institutional Changes – RADA is set up (end 2005); THRU is absorbed into RADA

- Transitional Shelter : 17,000 of 57,000 units built in 2005 remaining

IOM takes over as lead agency for Care and Maintenance of Transitional Shelters

Challenges:

Funds needed for C&M in 2007

Lack of access to North & East

Groups refusing to move out

- Permanent Shelter – Donor driven programme : Units required fall to 22,000

10,765 – complete, 11,365 – in progress

Government announces all houses should be completed by end 2006

Negative media comments

Slow start, but considerable progress made in 2006 (717 units per month)

Challenges: Occupancy less than 75% in some sites

Infrastructure and environmental issues

Sub-standard constructions

- Permanent Shelter- Owner driven programme : Beneficiary number rises to 78,500

NGOs move into top up grant amount

Nearly 72% of affected families rehabilitated

Issues and Concerns are:

- o Southern Province has an excess of 5500 houses
- o Shortfall of 8500 houses in the North and East
- o Shortfall of 3500 units in Western and North Western Provinces
- o Altogether another 12,000 units needed
- o Weak communication of new Housing Policy
- o Lack of clear guidelines for constructions
- o Lack of proper government driven monitoring policy

3. Livelihood Sector

- o Target – restoration of 150,000 livelihoods
- o RADA establishes Income Recovery Programme
- o US\$ 253 million had been disbursed and US\$ 180 million expended

4. Infrastructure

- Roads, Bridges and Railways : 5 major bridges, 135km of highway nearing completion

Tenders to be awarded for 149km of highways

All construction work to be completed by 2008

75% of building works, 40% of signal system repairs completed.

Balance in progress.

All damaged rail lines restored

Two locomotives damaged repaired and in use

5. Accountability and Transparency 2006

- Negative publicity
- Questioning of expenditure on post-tsunami relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction and the diversion of funds.

- Accountability towards beneficiaries

CHA advocacy

Dushanthi provided an update on CHA advocacy achievements in 2006.

- Regular press statements highlighting the need to ban the use of anti-personal mines in Sri Lanka.
- Media Conference launching the Landmine Monitor report for 2006.
- CHA in collaboration with YA TV introduced a weekly TV talk show, A critical counterpoint, which would explore critical aspects of governance and the Constitution in Sri Lanka.
- ¼ pg space for Humanitarian agencies to voice their concerns over the current environment and peace in Sunday Newspapers.
- Peace Sticker campaign
- Peace Banners
- “voices of the people” radio Programmes
- Geneva Humanitarian briefing
- Letters to two peace secretariat requesting humanitarian space.
- Letters to president & HRC on detrimental practices affecting children in juvenile homes.
- Quarterly Human Security Report and IDP newsletters

(More details could be found in the presentation)

Security Update

- Update of District wise comparison of the incidents for the year 2006 was displayed.