

## Operational Meeting

21 October 2005  
Caritas / SEDEC Auditorium

## Agenda

1. Update from Recent meetings :  
Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit Working Group  
Highlights from District Meetings Galle Jaffna Hambantota  
Donor Working Group on Permanent Housing
2. A presentation on Owner Driven Housing Programme –  
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
3. Strategy for Livelihood recovery ,vocational training and  
skills development – International Labour Organisation  
(ILO)
4. AOB/Announcements

## Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit Working Group

The 100 M Buffer Zone has been reduced in certain areas.  
The buffer zone has been a controversial issue right from the start.  
A number of houses have already been built inland and the question of whether or not they will be occupied now remains to be seen.  
If this decision had been made earlier many more people would have been living in permanent housing by now.  
DRMU has sent out letters to NGOs working on permanent housing requesting them to submit their progress on permanent housing to-date.

## Buffer Zone Issues

Do we have a gazette notification on the policy apart from the press statement? Probably the notification can provide more clarity to the policy guidelines.  
What is the rationale for allowing certain set back areas in selected DS ? Are there any scientific basis. The press statement do refer to the study. Could it be made public?  
What are the new building guidelines referred in the press statement? Does this mean that the unit cost for the construction of houses will go up?  
The policy statement also talks about a permit to construct the houses in the area? What are the procedures in getting that? Does that mean that it will exclude those people who did not have any titles prior to tsunami?

With the implementation of the new guidelines, how many Dwelling units do not require relocation?

What are mechanisms that the govt. has set up to disseminate this policy guideline with all the above clarifications to all the stakeholders, especially the communities?

District	Issue
Galle	<p><i>Care and Maintenance of Transitional Shelters Meeting</i></p> <p><b>Problems with Transitional Shelters in Galle:</b>            Termites attack houses made of wood. The dust can create health problems.            Roofs of houses can get removed by wind            No partitions inside houses            Area allocated for kitchen is not enough            some toilets are not in a usable condition            water logging conditions in surface drainage            Flooding inside houses during rainy season            Presence of flies and mosquitoes</p>
Galle	<p><i>Galle Town Divisional Meeting</i></p> <p>No water in Walahanduwa Watta Transitional site.            No water supply at Permanent Housing Scheme by Rain Forest in Udugama</p> <p><b>Bowsers should be provided to Transitional shelters, and water lines to Permanent Shelters</b></p>

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Jaffna	<p><i>Business for Peace Alliance Meeting</i></p> <p>Difficulties in obtaining construction material</p> <p><b>- A retail outlet is needed to stock and sell material</b></p>
Hambantota	<p><i>Tangalle Coordination Meeting</i></p> <p><b>Problems with Transitional Shelters:</b>            No electricity for 146 shelters in Kudawella North            Wood dust always present in shelters due to termites            Lack of transport facilities for school going children (eg. No bus to Rekawa)</p>

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