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Meeting Chair:		Phone:			
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Minute Taker:	Nira	Phone:			

Present

Organisation	Organisation	Organisation
Mercy Corps	American Redcross	UMCOR
Malteser	Concern	Helpage
World Vision	NCCSL	SIT
GAA	ADT	ACF
DANIDA	Diakonie	MERLIN
IRD	Relief Int	CHSP
HIA	REDR- IHE	SME Chamber
JEN	CARE	CHC
SDC	UNFPA	CIDA- PSU
ADRA	RADA	HELVETAS
Caritas	FDf	NWMTI
Muslim Aid Sri Lanka	Servodaya	Sewalanka
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Agenda No	Subject	Action by/ date
	<p><u>Feedback and updates</u> Issues from districts- Matara Donor driven and owner driven housing statistics were given. Statistics could be found in the presentation.</p> <p><u>Action points from last operational meeting</u> Regarding work permits if the documents are in English originals with copies to be submitted (Birth, marriage and educational certificates) - If originals are not available 1. Copies of educational certificates to be certified by Country Head with a covering letter that the originals will be available when possible for perusal 2. Copies of birth and marriage certificate to be certified by respective foreign mission with a covering letter from Country Head that the originals will be available when possible for perusal</p> <p>If documents are not in English They should be translated and certified by respective foreign Mission. Any expatriate from a private sector organisation doing work for an NGO need not have a work permit.</p> <p>Regarding entry visa Copies of Birth, marriage, educational certificates can be submitted and original submitted later when applying for Resident Visa/work permits. If documents are not in English they need to be translated and certified by respective foreign mission.</p> <p><u>Development partners meeting with RADA (Divisional Livelihood Development Plans)</u> Rationale Initiating holistic planning process at Divisional level, integrating the voices of communities, the private sector, (I)NGOS, donors and Government Identifying gaps in divisional livelihood recovery and develop activities / projects to fill them Linking short term recovery with long term development</p> <p>(More information could be found in the presentation)</p>	<p>CHA</p>

Housing and Habitat Forum

David Evans provided an update on the above meeting. The meeting was held on the 14th of July. He said the following Key issues were discussed at the meeting:

- Donor driven relocation sites and owner driven relocation sites - Provision of infrastructure to tsunami resettlement sites remains a concern. A list of resettlement sites is presently under preparation providing details of the location of the sites, progress on infrastructure service provision, agencies responsible and the expected dates of completion
- Micro level beneficiaries list - The compilation of the list is in progress and expected to be completed by the end of July.
- GTZ is progressing with the arrangement for training on the Housing policy and that Oxfam is assisting them with identifying problems around the housing policy.

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Presentation on Adobe model House (low cost Housing)

Mr. made a presentation on the above topic. He gave a brief description about GTZ and said that the rehabilitation of the economics, physical and social infrastructure (REPSI) project and the Northern rehabilitation project (NRP) are being financed by the German federal ministry for economic corporation and development (BMZ) and implemented by the ministry of nation building and development and the german technical cooperation (GTZ).

GTZ

He said RESPSI/NRP provides assistance to communities, to government counterparts as well as to organisations that represent the population. The partners are assisted in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the post-conflict and post-tsunami rehabilitation process facilitating the participation of all groups in the population. Also this enhances the selfhelp capacities and is the base for sustainable development. In Parantahn, Kilinochchi , a widow with four daughters who lost her husband during the war moved into their new house in April 2006. The blocks of soils have been produced by the family. Building this house had taken an intensive process of research and training to build up capacities in the construction sector.

The advantages offered by an Adobe house are as follows:

1. Low costs
2. Easy to build
3. Good quality

4. Good climate conditions
5. Modular extension possibilities
6. Sustainability

(More information could be found in the presentation)

Trincomalee Situation

Mr. Thavasalingam said that

- There is a poor participation of donors and I/NGOs at District meetings. Eg. Katcheri Meetings, CHA Operational Meetings
- In Trinco donor driven progress (10%) is very less than the Owner driven progress (40%)
- Due to frustrations people are moving to India.
- Livelihood assistance is less.
- The basic needs have been neglected for people who reside in Transitional shelters.eg. No water and sanitation facility, No electricity)

Security Updates

Hashim provided an update on security situation commencing from 21st July to date.

- 20 Assassinations, 6 claymore attacks and 05 grenade attacks.

Agency concerns would be:

- Be aware of vehicle abductions
- Check points: Advised not to give lift to anyone.