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OPERATIONAL MEETING

2nd December 2005

Sri Lanka Institute of International Relations (SLIIR)

No. 24, Horton Place, Colombo 07

List of participants

1. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
2. AAR Japan
3. ADRA Srilanka
4. Acted
5. ACF
6. Amurt international
7. Bridge Asia Japan
8. Caritas
9. CASA
10. CHF
11. CHC
12. CCF- Srilanka
13. CIDA
14. CIRD
15. Concern
16. CRWRC
17. Care International
18. DANITA
19. Fulbright/AWB
20. FAO
21. Goal
22. GTZ
23. GVR Technologies
24. HIA
25. Handicap International
26. Help from Germany
27. Islamic Relief
28. IFRC
29. ITDG
30. Johanniter
31. John Grooms Overseas
32. LDSC
33. MRDS
34. Malteser International
35. MDM- Spain
36. MDM- France
37. Manitha Neyam Trust
38. Motivation
39. Muslim Aid -Srilanka
40. NCCSL
41. Northwest Medical
42. REDR-IHE
43. Srilanka Solidarity
44. SOS Children's Villages
45. Sewalanka Foundation
46. S.M.E.I Chamber
47. Samaritan's Purse
48. Tearfund
49. Oxfam GB
50. UN-OCHA
51. UN HIC
52. UMCOR
53. World Vision

<p>1.</p>	<p>Information updates;</p> <p>A. Highlights from District Meetings</p> <p>Hishanthi updated on districts issues. Some of the key concerns as follows;</p> <p>Matara – IOM has developed a Transitional Shelter Matrix containing details of camps run by different organizations. Agencies were asked to send feedback as IOM plans to submit this to Colombo by Dec 11.</p> <p>Jaffna- A meeting was held between CHA, GN and the Beneficiaries. During the meeting few decisions were made such as Beneficiaries will voluntarily build up their own house with funding from CHA, They can rebuild their houses in the same spot where their former houses were situated by submitting all required documents to the CHA-CPRP Officer by Nov 11 and A written agreement to be made between CHA and beneficiaries that the financial support given is only for the purpose of rebuilding the houses.</p> <p>Also Jeevan added saying that in terms of work all the steps have been taken and its moving fast. However We should keep in mind that 22,000 families are waiting to understand what their state would be in terms of Constructing houses. He said that in collaboration with REDR there will be a workshop conducted on the 14th December in Jaffna mainly focusing on Housing Standards.</p> <p>In terms of the One Year Report he said that there was a meeting held at Taj and all the Operational agencies were invited to provide information structures and the draft report has produced to share consultancy in Colombo and districts on the 23rd of November. This report includes all our work, views and fair comments on the success and the failures.</p> <p>Ronatte from Oxfam GB gave an update on the Buffer zone working group. CHA facilitated a meeting for those who were interested on this subject. 12 agencies took part in the meeting. They decided to give a letter to Clinton, former president of USA who was in Sri lanka for two days, to reconsider the buffer zone. But unfortunately the meeting was put forward and the letter was given to the President secretary Mr.Lalith Weerathunga. And when considering the buffer zone she said that we must involve beneficiaries and should clarify how they feel about the buffer zone.</p> <p>Jeevan asked a question from the audience that in change of the authority what kind of a representation they require? And one Participant said that we should have more coordination and flexibility between the different NGOs building houses. He said that in Komari Village in Batticaloa One particular NGO had a contract with Government to build 700 houses and</p>	<p>CHA</p>
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2.	<p>so far they have completed 75 to 90 houses. Due to this reason they are finding difficult to get permission to build houses for tsunami victims who are in temporary shelters. Therefore he requested CHA to send their representative to Komari and get the information of what is happening there.</p> <p>Praveen from Care International said that the problem they face is that the TAFREN is not pro active in engaging with NGOS and coordination meeting and etc. it's very difficult to get their attention.</p> <p>A presentation on Designing for access</p> <p>Samantha made a presentation on the above topic. She explained the common access barriers and few design principles. She said that their concern is to identifying the agencies that are engaged in constructions and support them to make their constructions accessible for people disabilities.</p> <p>(More information could be found in the presentation)</p>	John Grooms Overseas/ Motivation
3.	<p>Sustainability in Tsunami Housing Reconstruction and settlement development through transdisciplinary community centered planning and development</p> <p>Mr. I D Kuruppu briefed on the above topic. He said that the goal is to ensure long-term housing in Sri lanka in an intact natural environment in a coherent social network maintained by a self sustaining income, without exporting negative environmental, social and economic impacts to future generations and other regions in the world.</p> <p>(More information could be found in the presentation)</p>	GTZ
4	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next livelihood forum will be on the 16th December 2005 at SLIIR 	

Tentative Calendar for Operational Meetings

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

Aug-5 Sep-9 ~~Oct-7~~ Nov-3(Thu) Dec 9

Aug-12 Sep-16 ~~Oct-14~~ Nov-11

~~Aug-18~~ ~~Sep-23~~ ~~Oct-21~~ Nov-25

Aug-26 ~~Sep-30~~ ~~Oct-28~~ Dec-2