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Meeting Date:	8 th Sep 2006	Start Time:	8.15 am	End Time:	9.30 am
Venue	Lakshman Kadirgamar institute of International Relations				
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Present

Organisation	Organisation	Organisation
JMC	Caritas SEDEC	Nonviolent Peaceforce
World Vision	UNDP Mine Action	GOAL
ACT	Americares	Tearfund
Handicap International	NWIMT	RADA
UNICEF	ADRA	PIN
Helvetas	CRWRC	Jerredes Hommes tdh
ADH	JEN	ASB
Solidarites	REDR-IHE	Johanniter
SME Chamber	SDC	Muslim Aid
FAO	Plan Sri Lanka	CASP
UMCOR	GAA	MDM France
LWR	Mercy Corps	WUSC
Christian Aid	British High Commission	French Embassy
IFRC	SEI	Merlin
Caritas	TRO	Diakonie
WCDO	Save the Children	John Grooms Overseas
Leads	LCIDO	CIDA
UNDP	ADH	PCA
Samaritan's Purse	Acted	

Agenda No	Subject	Action by/ date
01.	<p><u>Feed backs and Updates</u></p> <p><u>Action Points from Last Operational meeting – RADA Housing progress, Work Permit</u></p> <p>Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We had a discussion at CHA regarding RADA housing progress. To update DAD database, RADA has sent a format to all the agencies to fill the information & the statistics and we request everyone to provide their information accordingly. <p><u>IASC meeting</u></p> <p>Hashim gave a brief on the meeting. A special advisor to the UN emergency relief coordinator Dennis Mcnamara was present at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IDP situation was discussed at the meeting. Specially Killinochchi, Vadamaharachchi east the displacement is 49,000, Mullaithivu – 13000, Vavuniya- 8000, Mannar- 7700. - Issue of abductions in LTTE control area was discussed as well. This is with regard to the local staff of the I/NGOs. Also there were so many incidents which was not reported has taken place in the districts. - Work permits will not be issued to work in LTTE controlled area. - Access to Uncontrolled area- as at now through Vaharai it is UN, SLMM and ICRC which is allowed. I/NGOs are required to work in those areas with regard to NFI, Constructions, building houses, Medial facilities etc. - Restrictions to I/NGOs workers and the issues were also discussed at the meeting. - All these issues were discussed at the Meeting with the minister of DM& HR - According to the MOD statistics, 100 work permits were issued and 300 are pending. <p><u>Humanitarian Staff Support Group(HSSG)</u></p> <p>Gowthaman gave an update on the above meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This group specifically focuses on the follow up Muttur inquiry and what kind of support could be given to the family members and the agencies - Conclusions are - 1)Exert international pressure in order to get authorities to disclose current findings - 2)Insist that a thorough and transparent investigation is carried out into the incident - 3) Widen scope of the HSSG to include incidents faced by other Humanitarian workers. To this end HSSG will 	CHA

take action taking the following into account:

- Escalation of incidents of harassment and violence faced by aid workers
- Advocating the need to ensure the safety of the lives of humanitarian personnel by the government, military, agency head offices etc.

Discussion on Tsunami progress based on RADA report

Hishanthi briefed on Mid year review published by RADA. The summary of housing programmes as follows:

- Towards December 2005, 56,000 Transitional Shelter units were completed. Of this, a total of 6,015 units have already been decommissioned.
- Permanent shelter - Previous target : 98,525 New target: 120,000 Completed - 55,483 permanent houses (56% of previous target) Under Construction – 40,589 Houses Completed and under construction represent 97% of previous target and 80% of current target
- In terms of livelihood 150,000 lost their livelihoods (50 % Fisheries, 45 % - Tourism, Small businesses, Trading, 5 % - Agriculture)
- 75 % of affected households have regained their main source of income (increase of 35% Since April 2005)
- 100% damaged boats repaired 95% destroyed boats replaced Production (fisheries) estimated at 70% of pre-tsunami levels.
- Reconstruction/renovation of 182 schools, 4 universities, 7 vocational training authorities, 446 IDP schools
- Reconstruction/renovation of 222 health institutions (104 damaged, 118 non-damaged)
- Targets: Rehabilitation of 1173 km of national roads and 25 major bridges Roads: Two projects (Colombo-Galle-Wellawaya road and emergency repairs under STAART0 have commenced) 8 projects in tendering stage. Bridges: 4 have commenced construction, 10 in tendering process, designs completed for 5.

Rachel Perera of RADA said that there is a big gap in information and requested to review the information in the DAD and write to her if there are any changes needs to be done.

Also she requested to provide information to CHA or to RADA frequently. She said that Central bank figures on funds received have been traced, and expenditure been compared. Therefore it's required to update accurate figures, time period, expenditure statements etc frequently.

Also she apologized saying the output section in the DAD is not

up to the way we require and it should be quantifiable and RADA already spoken to Colombo University regarding the issue and soon will have a system of rectify these issues.

(More details are available in the presentation)

WATSAN for mobility impaired in emergency situations - John Grooms Overseas

Samantha Whybrow made a presentation on the above topic. This presentation describes some examples of relatively low cost equipment/adaptations for toilet/bathing that might be considered for use in emergency relief (ie short-term) situations. The focus is on people with mobility impairments, although the ideas may be helpful for others with difficulty moving for other reasons (e.g., visual impairment, elderly). Latrines that are constructed for public use should be constructed with all people, including disabled people, in mind. However, in some cases disabled people might not be able to get to these latrines or there may be few latrines available. The general ideas can be adapted to suit the particular environment and resources available.

Some important consideration

Nature at situation :several assumptions were made, including:

- Access to water might be too far away from shelter for some people to manage
- Water might not be plentiful so should be conserved
- Latrines may be too far from shelters for some people to manage
- People may not be able to use mobility aids due to poor ground conditions & so people with disabilities might not be able to move very far from their shelter
- Commodes ('toilet chairs' located close to disabled person's sheltering place) may be a helpful alternative for many who cannot walk/move to common latrines. However, cleaning of commodes needs to be considered (who will do? Is there enough water for this) and disposal of waste needs to be considered with commode use as some disabled people might not be able to perform these tasks

Questions to ask disabled people

Disabled and elderly people should be identified as early as possible and their specific toileting/bathing needs identified.

Speak to the disabled people and consider:

- Can person can walk and how far in this environment
- Whether they can squat or need support in squatting or need to sit on a stool

- Whether they can walk/move and carry water at the same time
- Whether they can collect water
- Whether they use a wheelchair and how they move on/off their wheelchair
- Whether there is anybody to help them and the needs of the person who is helping them
- Whether they can sit on a chair without support (ie, do they need armrests beside them and a back rest or could they sit on a stool)

More information could be found in the presentation and queries related to this presentation could contact :

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Security Update

Highlights

- 3 claymore attacks, 2 grenade attacks and 8 assassinations during last week
- Selvanagar, Kilivetti, pachchanoor people went back to Kanthale due to shelling
- An incident took place in Mannar, opposite to a NGO a police man was shot and two of the NGO workers were arrested. NGO workers didn't know who to contact at that crucial moment and CHA got to know through 3rd party and were able to help them immediately. These two workers were released by 10.30 on the same day. Therefore we request from all the agencies to keep the aid workers aware of the contact numbers of whom they should contact during emergency situation.