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**OPERATIONAL MEETING**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005**

**Sri Lanka Institute of International Relations (SLIIR)**

**No. 24, Horton Place, Colombo 07**

**List of participants**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Americares           | 28. Srilanka Solidarity |
| 2. ADT                  | 29. S.M.E.I Chamber     |
| 3. AAR Japan            | 30. Samaritan's Purse   |
| 4. ADRA Srilanka        | 31. TRO                 |
| 5. Act                  | 32. UN-OCHA             |
| 6. ACF                  | 33. UN- HIC             |
| 7. Bridge Asia Japan    | 34. World Vision        |
| 8. CASA                 |                         |
| 9. Concern              |                         |
| 10. CRWRC               | Chair- CHA              |
| 11. Care International  |                         |
| 12. DANITA              |                         |
| 13. Fulbright/AWB       |                         |
| 14. FAO                 |                         |
| 15. Good Neighbours     |                         |
| 16. Goal                |                         |
| 17. HIA                 |                         |
| 18. Help from Germany   |                         |
| 19. IOM                 |                         |
| 20. IFRC                |                         |
| 21. JEN                 |                         |
| 22. Leads               |                         |
| 23. Merlin              |                         |
| 24. Manitha Neyam Trust |                         |
| 25. Motivation          |                         |
| 26. NCCSL               |                         |
| 27. People in Need      |                         |

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>Information updates;</b></p> <p><b>A. Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit</b></p> <p>Jeevan gave an update on the recent DRMU meeting. The Key concerns of the meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposed activities of the DRMU for the year 2006 were discussed 2nd Phase of People’s consultations programme – Dissemination of information to government officials including district secretaries, divisional secretaries and heads of line ministries.</li> <li>- DRMU has received replies from around 60% of the NGO’s to whom they sent letters to regarding the progress of these organisations in terms of permanent housing.</li> <li>- The report on the People’s Consultations is in the process of being translated into Sinhalese and Tamil. 250 copies will be published in each language. If any one is interested in getting copies of only a specific district report (in the local languages) please inform the DRMU.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Highlights from District Meetings</b></p> <p>Hishanthi gave an update on districts issues. The discussed issues as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Galle - World Vision has started 40 water irrigation projects for canals passing to the sea. This is to remove sand brought by Tsunami, which blocks the opening to sea. Already 2 of these projects are completed and 7 are on the process.</li> <li style="padding-left: 40px;">- DS wants to organize a workshop to educate people on how to prevent a fire caused by electricity, gas and petrol. As they are living in wooden T/S now they are quite vulnerable to these types of dangers which they don’t know how to handle</li> <li>• Matara- Oxfam and World Vision plan to purchase a land to install a sewage treatment plant for Matara if the water board permits it. It is decided to arrange a meeting with Oxfam, World Vision, GA, Water board &amp; CHA to discuss issues arising about land ownership.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CHA</b></p>
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<p>2.</p>	<p><b><u>A presentation on Guidelines for Buildings at Risk from Natural Disasters</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Priyan Dias made a detail presentation on the above topic. Each guideline was explained by pictures. Also the details of the presentation could be found in the website.</p>	<p><b>Society of Structural Engineers</b></p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b><u>A presentation on Tsunami Reconstruction Design</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Marga Jann made a presentation on the above topic. She detailed the new designs by pictures.</p> <p><i>More details could be found in the presentation</i></p>	<p><b>Live Projects at the Colombo School of Architecture &amp; University of Moratuwa</b></p>

### **Tentative Calendar for Operational Meetings**

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

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

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

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

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