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Operational Meeting

19 September 2008

SEDEC Auditorium
133 Kynsey Road Colombo 8

8.30 am to 9.45 am

Agenda

1. Feedback and Updates

Advocacy update

CCHA sub committee on Livelihood

8.30 am – 9.00 am

2. Presentation on the activities of the Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT) and the needs in the Plantation sector - Dr Manil Fernando Advisor Health - PHDT

9.00 am – 9.25 am

3. Presentation on *LifeLine's* recent activities in the NE with IDPs - Jacobo Quintanilla Project Director - Internews Sri Lanka

9.25 am – 9.40 am

4. Announcements / AOB

9.40 am – 9.45 am

Chair : Mr Lionel Munaweera – Development Advisor – CHA

About the presentation

Plantation Human Development Trust

It was Incorporated as the Plantation Housing and Social Welfare Trust (PH&SWT) in 1992 under the Companies Act No 17 of 1982 of Sri Lanka. The tripartite 11 member board of the Trust is constituted of secretaries of Govt. Ministries, CEOs of Regional Plantation Companies [RPCs] and representatives of two Trade Unions each having a membership over 50,000. The Change of name to Plantation Human Development Trust [PHDT] was in 2002. The Main office is in Colombo with seven regional offices in Badulla, Galle, Hatton, Kandy, Kegalle, Nuwara Eliya and Ratnapura. RPCs sustain the Trust on payment of a levy. For its recurrent expenditure the Ministry of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development and the Ministry of Nation Building & Estate Infrastructure, too fund to meet the gap in development cost.

Its status as non-profit institution has gained wide currency. Trust possesses a competent and responsive work force capable of timely deliverables. Trust is the fore-runner in making collaborative partnerships for the plantation sector. It has already implemented foreign funded projects namely, SWP11 [1993 -97] and PDSP [1997-2005] with Dutch & Norwegian funding, PRP under the Ministry of Plantations –ADB / JBIC [1997 -2002], and currently implementing PDP of Ministry of Plantations ADB / JBIC [2004-2008]. Trust is rich in experience and exposure to INGOs and NGOs. Trust maintains an emphasis on gender issues in all activities and follows MDG goals, targets and indicators in the development sphere.

PHDT has for the past 16 years consistently sought to enhance the quality of lives of one million plantation worker community, working in consort with organizations both private and public. The variety of interventions of the Trust is drawn on Millennium Development Goals [MDG] thus creating a supportive environment for building a dignified and capable community.

Thus the core activities of PHDT are identified as housing, water and sanitation, childcare and health facilities, development of Estate Worker Housing Cooperative Societies [EWHCS], Skill Development, Entrepreneur training, Health programmes and Social Welfare activities, directed mainly at women, adolescents and children.

3. Lifeline - Internews Network

Lifeline is a **Humanitarian Information Service aimed to improve the access to information to IDPs, resettled and host communities THROUGH MEDIA PRODUCTIONS in Tamil language.** They are producing and broadcasting weekly radio shows and distributing a 4-page weekly supplement in Tamil with Virakesari. Through these media productions they try to disseminate relevant and accurate information for IDPs to know about humanitarian projects, activities and services that Government, I/NGOs, UN agencies and others are providing, and more importantly, how these communities can access to and benefit from those services.

