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Meeting :	Operational Meeting –19 th Sep 2008				
Prepared By/ Date:	Niranjani				
Type:	Conference				
Purpose:	Improve Coordination, Facilitation and Networking among agencies, groups and individuals working in the Humanitarian Sector				
Meeting Date:	19 th Sep 2008	Start Time:	8.30 am	End Time:	9.45 am
Venue	CARITAS SEDEC				
Meeting Chair:	Mr. Lionel Munaweera Development Advisor CHA	Facilitator	CHA		
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Present

Organisation	Organisation	Organisation
CASA	CCF Sri Lanka	LWR
Internews	Jen	Leads
Caritas	WUSC	GAA
Oxfam GB	Caritas France	CRS
Embassy of France	IRW	SCOPP
Plan	Merlin	MCSL
ETC Lanka	RDF	DCA
SLF	Solidar	ADT

Agenda No	Subject	Action by/ date
1	<p>Feedback and Updates Advocacy Update Presented by Nayomi</p> <p>Following the request for relocation of all agencies to Vavuniya from Killinochchi on 8th September 2008, CHA facilitated and attended following meetings/discussion for I/NGOs working in Killinochchi.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 8th Sept - Safety and Security of UN/INGO staff in Vanni – Ministry of Defence, Chair – Minister Samarasinghe. In attendance – Sec Defence. 2. 8th Sept – Briefing to Vanni HoA of the outcome and discuss course of action – CHA, Chair ED CHA 3. 9th Sept – Strategy, Vanni Group – CHA, Chair – ED CHA 4. 9th Sept – Vanni Group with Minister Samarasinghe – Decide Courses of Action – Arranged by CHA 5. 11th Sept – Meeting with Mr Basil Rajapaksha, Senior Advisor to the President, Addtnl Sec to the President, Chief of Defence Staff on INGOs course of action – led by ED CHA. Meeting arranged by CHA. 6. 12th Sep – CHA represented at meeting in Vavuniya Kachcheri – plans for IDP. Chair – GA Actg GA Vavuniya 7. 13th Sep – Vanni HoA at CHA. Chair – ED 8. 15th Sep – Vanni relocation progress meeting – moD. Chair Minister Samarasinghe. In attendance – Sec Defence. 9. 16th Approval for HoA of Vanni to proceed to killinochchi - <p>Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. INGOs working in the Vanni got extension to relocate till 29th September 2. Modalities to work with government arm to render assistance to the people of Vanni 3. Possibility of seconding staff to GAs of Vanni 4. Approval for HoA visit to Killinochchi 5. Weekly operational meeting chaired by Mr Basil Rajapaksha to ensure assistance for the people of Vanni 6. Daily meetings at Vavuniya to coordinate Humanitarian Assistance to people of the Vanni 	CHA

<p>2.</p>	<p>CCHA subcommittee on Livelihood Presented by Niranjani CCHA subcommittee on Livelihood meeting was held on the 18th Sep, at UN conference room at 9.30 am and was co-chaired by Ms. Tina – Director ILO and Mr.Piyasena Secretary to the Ministry of Fisheries</p> <p>Key issues that were discussed are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resettlement process in Mannar was discussed. In Silavathurai/Musali return program is on going and 770 families are already registered. Once the registration is over, livelihood programs will take place. - Ms. Tine provided an update on Main CCHA meeting. And she briefed the meeting with Minister Basil Rajapakse. He requested to hold livelihood meetings in Trincomalee’ Eastern provincial council and to discuss on broad-based sectoral plans in the district. - SCOPP stated that they are providing Korean and English language trainings for ex-combaters and mobile clinics on documentation also taking place to provide them with birth certificate, ID and passport. There are 500 vacancies for Easterners in Korea and adequate trainings are provided and it is been monitored by Ministry of Foreign employments and Social welfare - ILO provided the district update for the districts in the North and East. - Ampara: with regard to fisheries, it was said; catch still very poor and low income for fishers and their facing livelihood problems. - Batticaloa: no restrictions fro fishing, however checkpoint at Manapitiya impeding the transport of fish outside the district. And with regard to livestock it was stated lack of breeding materials - Jaffna, fishing restrictions continue unchanged and fish production down by 20%. Provision of food ration and alternative livelihoods are key issues - In Killinochchi overall livelihood dislocations is a serious issue - Mannar, fishing restricted in terms of time, distance and type of boats. Fishers requesting for dry rations - Mullaitivu, tight security situation has seriously impacted fish production resulting in low income for fishers and alternate livelihoods for fishers are key issues. And paddy harvesting of around 3500 ac abandoned due to displacement. Lack of supply of raw materials, support, fuel and marketing are issues. - Trincomalee’ fishing allowed from 5am – 6pm only up to a distance of 5KM. fish catch is poor and incomes drastically affected 	<p>CHA</p>
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<p>3</p>	<p>Sources; GA, deputy directors of Agriculture, asst directors of fisheries, district chambers of commerce and district planning units</p> <p><i>Next meeting: 16th Oct at 9.30am</i></p> <p>Presentation on the activities of the Plantation Human Development Trust and the needs in the Plantation sector - Dr Manil Fernando Advisor Health – PHDT</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Manil Fernando.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <p>Plantation Human Development Trust was Established in 1992 by a cabinet decision to implement estate worker housing and other social development activities in the tea, rubber and coconut plantations. Missions are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement integrated and sustainable Development Programmes with a holistic approach in sync with a network of strategic partners. ▪ Improve housing, health care, childcare, sanitation, education, recreation, mobility, communication and infrastructure. ▪ Proactively learn and continuously improve programme components to address future issues towards poverty alleviation and improving quality of life. <p>Main Features of PHDT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered under the Company Act of Sri Lanka No.17 of 1982. • Main office situated at Battaramulla • 7 Regional offices covering 430 estates (230,013 ha) • Working with 25 Regional Plantation Companies • A tripartite Board of Directors; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Govt. Ministries - 4 • Trade Unions -2 • Regional Plantation Companies – 5 • Members representing the Ministries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Empowerment & Socio Economic Development • Plantation Industries • Health • Finance <p>He explained following activities of PHDT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decent Housing • Awareness & Social Mobilization • Basic Health Care • Drinking Water & Sanitation • Child Care and Development 	<p>Internews</p>
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- Nutrition
- Cultural Needs
- Sports and Recreation

He stated that to eradicate alcoholism; certain programs were conducted by the PHDT in 146 estates.

(further information could be found in the presentation or log on to www.phdt.org)

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

Presented by Jacobo

Highlights;

- Internews is an international media development organization working to improve access to information for people in more than 40 countries around the world.
- *Lifeline* is a HUMANITARIAN INFORMATION SERVICE which tries to improve the access to information for internal displaced (IDPs) and conflict affected people THROUGH MEDIA PRODUCTIONS in Tamil and Sinhala.
- a **weekly 30-minute radio show** broadcast through selected national (SOORIYAN FM) and regional radio stations (Pirai FM and Annoor FM)
- a **weekly 4-page newspaper** distributed directly and for free every week to IDP camps and also as an insert with Sunday Virakesari in Mannar, Vavuniya, Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Puttalam. Some stories also printed through local papers in Jaffna.
- a **10-minute weekly radio news segment** with North and East stories **in Sinhala** through Ruhunu Sevaya (SLBC) on Sundays.

Radio Shows of Internews

Lifeline is broadcast:

1. Island wide every Saturday on Sooriyan FM (6.00-8.00am, North East and Kandy 97.3, Jaffna 93.0, Colombo and South 103.2, island wide 97.9)
2. On Sunday on Pirai FM (1.30-2.00pm, 102 FM in the east) and ANOOR FM (6.45-7.15pm, 96.1 FM in Puttalam area).
3. You can also download the radio shows from www.internews.lk (very soon) and through **Voices of Reconciliation Radio (VOR)** <http://radio.voicesofpeace.lk>

Radio Distribution

In July and August 2008

we distributed 2,850 radio sets to IDP families living in IDP camps in Batticaloa and Trincomalee in partnership with NRC and Save the Children in Sri Lanka, respectively.

We want to help IDPs and conflict affected communities obtain **relevant and accurate information** that **helps them to better cope with their situation and also to take more informed decisions** about anything in regard to their lives.

- This information includes:
 - **WHO, WHAT AND WHERE**
 - updates on **policies and services** from Government & aid organizations;
 - **awareness messages** on certain rights and issues;
 - what **entitlements and services** are available;
 - and more importantly, **how they can gain access** to those services

He stated that Lifeline is Humanitarian Information, it is NOT Reporting on conflict or IDPs

- *Lifeline* format includes:
 - **Headlines** on the latest humanitarian aid efforts;
 - **Information** provided by Government and aid organizations;
 - **Interviews** with a range of subjects;
 - **Features** exploring key issues in depth;
 - **Radio drama** (“*Your stories*”);
 - **Panel discussions**;
 - **Vox Pops** and audience **feedback** segments.
 - **Public Service Announcements** (PSAs) on important topics;

(more information could be found in the presentation)