

Date : 21st November 2008

Time : 8.30 am to 9.45 am

Venue : Caritas SEDEC Auditorium, No 133, Kynsey Road Colombo - 8

Chair : Stanley Joseph Programme Advisor - ZOA Refugee Care

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Feedback and Updates

CCHA Sub Committee on Education
CCHA Sub committee on Livelihood
CCHA Sub committee on Health
Advocacy update - security incidents

8.30 am - 9.10 am

2. Presentation on Cost effective Housing - Tony Seneviratne - Country Director - Habitat for Humanity Sri Lanka

9.10 am - 9.25 am

3. Presentation on the work of Water Mission International - Julio Paula - Country Director - Water Mission International

9.25 am - 9.40 am

4. Announcements / AOB

9.40 am - 9.45 am

About the Presentations

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity (HHSL) is a registered non-governmental organization whose mission is to provide simple, decent, affordable housing to people in need. The organization's efforts to improve housing in Sri Lanka, has helped build 10,000 houses under its various programmes. Today, HHSL works in 16 districts of the island. Its programmes have evolved into six broad areas of innovative and strategic work namely:

- The Save and Build Programme
- Partnering with Micro Finance Organizations
- Environmental Programme
- Building Training Centres
- Advocacy Programme
- Volunteer Programme

The Save and Build Programme is Habitat's most pioneering programme. It seeks to help a group of people save together until they have the cost of one house. Habitat makes a matching contribution of two to one, in the form of a no-profit loan so that three houses can be built. Having focused on shelter by building and renovating simple, decent and affordable houses over the last 14 years, Habitat is proud to celebrate the completion of its 10,000th house this year!

Building would be financed by a revolving "Fund for Humanity". The fund's money would come from the new homeowners' house payments, donations and loans from supporters and money earned from fund-raising activities. The monies in the Fund for Humanity would be used to build more houses.

This is how in 1976, Habitat for Humanity was founded and has become a world leader in addressing the issues of poverty housing.

In Sri Lanka, Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with numerous international and local organizations and with people everywhere, from all walks of life, from all faiths and races, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which people can experience, live and grow.

Water Mission International

Water Missions International (WMI) is a non profit , faith based engineering organization serving the water and sanitation

needs of people in developing countries and disaster areas.WMI provides assistance without regard to political or religious association , age or ethnicity. Since1998 WMI has supplied safe water to over a million people in 32 countries and 2 US states. WMI uses low-maintenance, appropriate water technologies for drinking water treatment and distribution, wastewater management, and storm water control. They have supported Sri Lanka since the tsunami in December 2004 through a partner organization, and registered in Sri Lanka since January 2007.

Clean water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education, and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, nonprofits, and businesses, WMI has brought relief and hope to more than a million people across the globe.

Please feel free to forward your comments and suggestions for discussion topics at the operational meeting to me by e-mail or telephone

The Minutes and the Presentations of the last meeting, could be accessed from the following link http://www.humanitarian-srilanka.org/new/operational_meetings/index.php