

# INFORMATION UPDATE

CONSORTIUM OF HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES

## COORDINATION FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

### Small Group Discussion on Partnering to Eradicate Poverty



Small Group discussion on Partnering to Eradicate Poverty was held at CHA.

It was decided to draft a paper on participants concerns and organize a meeting with officials of the Ministry of Economic Development.

## COORDINATION FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

### Commission on the Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls

Recognizing that violence against women is a violation of women's human rights, the Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Leader of the Opposition has appointed the above Commission to inquire and report on violence against women and girls.

"Violence against women" means any act of gender based violence that results in or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life (see the UN Declaration on Violence against Women). The Commission will pay attention to the related acts of violence against women:

Members of the public, organizations and institutions as well victim-survivors are invited to make written representations in respect of these matters. The confidentiality of all submissions will be ensured. The Commission will not however accept anonymous submissions. CHA supported this initiative to disseminate call for submissions among NGOs, INGOs, UN and who are involved in the same theme.

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## New Acquisitions at Colombo Knowledge Centre



**The year of recurring disasters: a review of natural disasters in 2012**

By Elizabeth Ferris, Daniel Petz and Chareen Star k  
Published by: The Brookings Institution – London School of Economics Project on Internal Displacement



**In the Neighborhood: The Growing Role of Regional Organizations in Disaster Risk Management**

By Elizabeth Ferris and Daniel Petz  
Published by: The Brookings Institution – London School of Economics Project on Internal Displacement



**Disability, Poverty and Social Exclusion**

By Upali Pannilage

Published by: Development with Disabled Network



A field study was conducted at demining fields of Halo trust at the resettled locations in Kilinochchi and Jaffna. An international evaluation team worked with CHA evaluating the socio economic impact of demining works which is being implemented by HALO Trust with financial aid from DEFID. There were 6 demining locations selected in the district of Jaffna and Kilinochchi for this study.

### South Asia regional Advocates training on Mental Health and Psychosocial support services

CHA staff participated at the South Asia regional advocates training on Inter Agency Standing Committee Guidelines for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings. This training prepared a team of regional Advocates to activate the IASC MHPSS Guidelines in the event of an emergency in their country or region.

### The island-wide mapping initiative of Psychosocial Organizations.

CHA has initiated a project to develop the first national Directory of Psychosocial Organizations working in all 25 districts in Sri Lanka. The project is supported by the Asia Foundation.



During the month of April 2013 CHA was in the process of screening out all available databases and contact lists of the NGO Secretariat, available Psychosocial Databases to list out potential psychosocial organizations working in Sri Lanka as at 2013. 172 possible psychosocial organizations have been screened out for data collection as at April 2013. The pre test of the data collection tool was completed with local, field based and international organizations. With the feedback collected during the pretest, CHA has finalized and modified the tool, which will be used for data collection.

The mapping initiative is now liaised with the ministry authorities with the intention of utilizing island wide counselors to be a part of this project. The Ministry of Social Services have pledged support in terms of collaborating to confirm and certify list of humanitarian agencies in the districts and possibility of utilizing counseling coordinators in the districts to support in the implementation aspects of the project.

Note : Organizations providing psychosocial interventions are invited to list details in the directory by contacting CHA on [psfcoord@cha.lk](mailto:psfcoord@cha.lk) / Tel: 4626100

### Psychosocial forum meeting



The Psychosocial forum meeting took place on the 19th of April 2013 at the CHA auditorium. The meeting focused resources available for children. A few organizations were invited to share their resources and tools developed for child protection.

Mr. Hemal from UNICEF presented their poster campaign which focused on child abuse. He shared information about the project and how successful it was. World vision presented their tools (flashcards, leaflets) they had designed for children in their early childhood and youth. These tools demonstrated how children could prevent themselves from being abused or ill-treated in any manner. Ms. Esther from LEADS presented their tools, they had developed for pre – schoolers and teenagers. They had flash cards, books and leaflets which carried important information on child protection. Finally Dr. Sinha from the Canadian Red Cross, presented a child kit they had developed for a training program. This kit included a manual for teachers and parents, flash cards for children, posters, books, and many other materials.

These tools are available at the CHA library for the reference of the forum members. Mr. Tami Tamitegama chaired the meeting and concluded the meeting with a question and answer discussion. The next forum meeting will take place on the 4th week of May and all members could contact CHA on – psfcoord@cha.lk/ 4 626100 for more information.

The following details reflect activities carried out in Mannar through the district Psychosocial Forum.

Description	Month / Date	To Whom	No.of. Participants.
Psychosocial Forum Meeting	28.01.2013	I/NGO Members	19.
Psychosocial Awareness Programme	14.02.2013	Students	68.
Psychosocial Awareness Programme	20.03.2013	WRDS Members	35.
General Forum Meeting	28.03.2013	Members	17.
Focus Group Discussion	02,04/04/13	WRDS Members	16.



General Forum Meeting - A.P. for Students.

Psychosocial Forum Meeting - A.P. for WRDS Members.

**District Highlights**

**JAFFNA**

**Workshop on Community Survey for Mine Action**



Mr. A. R. Shaielendrakumar, RR Monitoring Officer and Mr. R. Ranesan, Volunteer attended the workshop on community survey for mine action, at CHA, Colombo. The consultant, Ms.S abrina Aguitri and staff undertook field visits to villages in-

- ☞ Nagar Kovil with Grama sevaka and people of the village, Teachers, PHI, PHM, Rev.Father, and the people of the Fisheries co-operation.
- ☞ Vannerikulam with Grama Seva Niladhari and people of WRDS, RDS, of the village.

- ☞ Valalai, Kadduvan & Naguleswaram\_with Grama Seva Niladhari and people of WRDS, RDS, of the village.
- ☞ Malayalapuram, Kilinochchi and discussed with Grama Seva Niladhari and the people of WRDS, RDS of the village.



**COORDINATION FACILITATION AND NETWORKING**

**District Co-Ordination Meeting & Forum**

The co-ordination meeting for the month was held at CHA Meeting Hall and the Topic of the meeting was "Agriculture Development in Jaffna". Mr.K.Sribalasundaram, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Dept. of Agriculture, Thirunelvely, Jaffna was the Resource person . The Target group were

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farmers and students who are in the training at Agriculture training centre, NGO's ,members of WRDS, RDS and members Agriculture Productivity centers.

### Free Legal Services at IHR, Urelu

30 clients sought free legal advice and assistances.

### Matara

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### Energy saving project

Practical session conducted for women group on health hazards associated with cooking using firewood in a traditional kitchen and awareness on economically important energy saving low cost cooking stoves introduced to a community group in Malimbada Sarvodaya Community group for 15 women.

CHA wishes to provide the technical support for the small industries too by introducing new cooking stoves.

Establishment of cooking stoves in Kekunawela and Porathota community groups was concluded before the New Year.

### Community protection Network Meeting

CPN meeting and committee meeting was conducted with the participation of 10 CBOs in Matara District to discuss the progress of the New year CPN Plan which was to coordinate the small scale entrepreneurs in their villages for the Aurudu Pola held in each DS division which is organized under the Divineguma programme.

### Reading circle Programme

25 school children for doing their home work, improving their reading skills and IT knowledge during the week. The programme is being expanded and weekend newspapers also kept for reading in the district office.

### Model paper classes for year 5 students

We provided model papers for year 5 students in MR/ Dampella K.V who face the year 5 scholarship examination in 2013. Class teacher is voluntarily involved in this extra class work. 1st Model paper given in 29th and every week this model paper class will be continued. CHA will monitor the progress by seeking the marks of each students weekly. 25 students benefited from this programme.

### Hambantota

#### No of Visitors for CHA District Resource center :

46 (No of 11 Government officers, 04 NGOs, 07 CBOs, 10 school students, No of 14 clients for general purposes)



### CHA Coordination & facilitation services -

CHA Hambantota district office provided coordination & facilitation service to Ambalantota Trade Association to con-

duct Annual Awurudu festival program interlinking sponsors from government, private, business communities and other supporting agencies through CHA coordination. During the month CHA Hambantota district office was able to facilitate 04 meetings for the Trade Association committee meeting under the CHA coordination.

Coordination services for Hambantota district Child Rights Advocacy Network (CRAN) to collect annual membership fees for 2013, conduct monthly committee meetings, facilitated to arrange district advocacy plans, field visits to follow up on childrens issues, and refer training opportunities for members.

### CHA Advocacy & Accountability Program

Field visit to follow up on poor marginalized village to identify their issues in collaboration with Grama Niladari & DFCDP Organization. We were able to identify the following issues at this village.

- Water & sanitation issues
- Non schooling of children due on poverty
- Lack of toilets
- Lack of regular water and irrigation system to cultivate for farmers.
- Lack of stable livelihood.
- Lack of reading, publication and day today newspapers of village library
- Lack of youth vocational training opportunities & employment ways.

Responses were as follows,

- Non schooling children due to poverty – 11 school students who are temporarily stopped their schooling , referred to school by donating required schooling equipment.
- Lack of toilets - : required toilet facilities referred to private company in Colombo who wish to provided facilities.
- Lack of reading publication & day today newspapers of village library -: CHA donated more reading publications for children and elders to utilize to enhance their

knowledge. In addition daily newspapers for this village library with support of Private Company.

- Lack of youth vocational training opportunities & employment ways -: 21 un-employed youth expecting vocational training opportunities such as Welding, carpentry, mason, electrician, hospitality trades referred for relevant vocational training courses in collaboration with VTA & NYSC.

### Child Rights Advocacy program for marginalized villages

District office has planned to conduct special advocacy campaign at Hamabntota Siribopura & Samodagama villages in collaboration with Hambantota GA office, NCPA office & Child Rights Advocacy member organizations in May.

### DRC Literacy Class



Evening Literacy classes are being conducted two days per week for 20 – 25 school students to teach English, Tamil, Maths, physical education. Some University students & Voluntary youth leaders teach these students. During the month CHA was able to distribute reading material, novels, some stationery items for these students donated by organisations.

### CHA / DRC Information Dissemination for no of 61 clients

- Ambalantota Historical & ancient information for 14 school students.
- Media contact details for 06 youth editors.
- Hambantota district Administration information for 16 university students.
- Hambantota District NGOs who are working on child rights and development 05 CBOs & voluntary organizations.
- Hambantota District Hotel information & contact details to 06 guides.
- Ambalantota DS division Government & private Banks contact details for 08 civil society organizations.
- Ambalantota DS division Administration map details to 04 O/L school students.
- Hambantota district Tsunami effected DS division information to DFCD organization.
- Ambalantota DS division Government & private institutions contact details to Ambalantota Trade Association.

### Proposed Scholarship program for poor marginalized School Students

For the time been, CHA Hambantota district office has planned to donate school uniforms for poor school students in marginalized villages in Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat division. Under this program, it is expected to donate school uniforms to 200 school students in collaboration with Save the Children office in Matara District.

#### APRIL MONTH EVENTS

Duration	Veneue	Type	Subject
3-Apr	CHA -Colombo	Training	Workshop on Evaluation preparation -DEFID Project
4-Apr	CHA -Colombo	Training	Workshop on Evaluation preparation -DEFID Project
6-Apr	Kilinochchi	Other	Discussion with Nagar Kovil Grama sevaka and community leaders, Teachers, PHI, PHM, Rev.Father, and the people of the Fisheries co-operation
7-Apr	Kilinochchi	Other	Discussion with Vannerikulam Grama Seva Niladhari and representatives of WRDS, RDS, of the village.
9-Apr	Mullaithivu	Other	Discussion with Valalai, Kadduvan & Naguleswaram and Grama Seva Niladhari and representatives of WRDS, RDS, of the village.
13-Apr	Kilinochchi	Other	Discussion with Malayalapuram, Kilinochchi District Grama Seva Niladhari and the people of WRDS, RDS of the village
5-Apr	Jaffna	Other	Ariyalai Housing Project Supervising Work Discussion
2-Apr	Jaffna	Meeting	Legal awareness program
April	Jaffna	Other	Free Legal Services program
2-Apr	CHA -Colombo	Meeting	Small Group discussion on Partnering to Eradicate Poverty
23-Apr	Colombo	Training	South Asia regional Advocates training on Mental Health and Psychosocial support services
April	CHA -Colombo	Meeting	Island-wide mapping initiative of Psychosocial Organizations.
19- April	CHA -Colombo	Meeting	Psychosocial forum meeting