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Update



Workshop on Introduction to Minimum Standards in Disaster/Humanitarian Response

CHA in consultation with Government Agent of Hambantota responded to a request to enhance knowledge on Humanitarian Response to government officials of Hambantota district. In ensuring that disaster risk reduction in the Hambantota district is strengthened capacity



building for officials who work at grassroots levels was organized. As an initial response CHA conducted an awareness workshop for Hambantota district officials on Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response at the District Secretariat Auditorium - Hambantota. Training was conducted for over sixty officers representing eight divisions in the district of Hambantota.

Training enabled officials to identify specific community needs in disaster response and the international minimum standards in response. Feedback from participants were encouraging with mentions of the first ever training on humanitarian standards for officials in Hambantota and its value in the process of planning, executing and monitoring in disaster management.

At the end of the session Mr. Suneth Lochana, Additional Secretary and Mr. Bandara, NGO Coordinator were handed over 30 books of Minimum standards to disseminate through divisional secretariats.



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Disaster Resilience Awareness **workshop for community**

CHA carried out a community based awareness programme in disaster risk reduction in Wadruppuwa, Ambalantota. Workshop was attended by over eighty villagers representing North and South Wadruppuwa. Workshop enabled villagers to assess risks to their village and community and collectively carry out village mapping for in order to reduce risks during disasters. The ability of communities to be disaster resilient and plan their day to day lives and livelihood was discussed in detail.

CHA PSF Updates

The CHA conducted a WS on 'Helping the caregivers of children traumatized by abuse' for psychosocial workers and interns of the I/NGOs . 11 participated in the training sessions.



The WS was conducted as a free workshop by the CHA to facilitate the participation of volunteers and interns from the academic institutions and provide a platform for the humanitarian workers to share their work , experiences, lessons learnt whilst , capacitating their knowledge through input provided by an expert in the field.

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1. To understand the impact of sexual abuse as trauma on a child
2. To consider how to care for children who have been sexually abused
3. To consider the effects on caregivers looking after sexually abused children



Participants in Group Activity

The facilitator of the WS was Dr. Collin who is a Clinical Psychologist by profession and he is originally based in the North of England. His visit to Sri Lanka involved collaborating with the Samuththana Sri Lanka to be involved in developing local capacities in the field of psychosocial service provisions. Over the past 30 years, he has worked in a variety of educational and clinical settings and is also a qualified Educational Psychologist. Between 2003 and 2010, he worked closely with the care givers of children who were looked after by the Local Authority (i.e. the state). More recently he has been working in a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service in the U.K.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

CHA Mannar Coordination Meeting

CHA Mannar district coordination meeting was held on 10th April 2014 at the GBV Desk. It was chaired by Mr. P.S. Thevaraj.

At present in Mannar the people are facing many difficulties due to low income situation and poverty. Accordingly there is much Social violence in the area. The members mentioned that due to these reasons many children and women are affected.

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