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Environment Forum on Waste Management

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM



Resource person addressing

During The Forum

Second Environment forum focused on Waste Management attended by NGOs, private sector partners, Academics, law firms, Consultancy firms and other institutions. Mr. Nalin Mannaperuma, Deputy Director (Technical & Training) Waste Management Authority (WP) delivered his presentation on Alternate energy options from waste.

Daily waste generation, solid waste problem in Sri Lanka and western province, basic methods of waste conversion (bio chemical conversion, thermal conversion), practical situation of alternate energy in Sri Lankan conditions and master plan for waste management of WMA till 2016, were discussed with facts and figures during the presentation.

Information sharing through CHA Newsletters

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND PUBLICATION SERVICES



CHA continues to share information collated countrywide with its networks. Newsletters, humanitarian and development activities, social issues. Capacity building etc.

Development activities in the North and East of agencies are highlighted in the CHA newsletter — **The Humanitarian**.

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Web, Publications, and Promotional Activities

Newsletters and updates: In addition to the routine newsletters, a quarterly newsletter on Sphere Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response was designed and compiled

for circulation.

- IU Newsletter
- 'The Humanitarian' Newsletter
- Sphere in action Newsletter
- Monthly Volunteer Newsletter

The Sphere in action - Newsletter is promoted on sphereproject.org Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/SphereProject>) and sphereproject.org Twitter channel (<http://twitter.com/SpherePro>).



CHA donates computers to Mahara Prison

On a request made by prison authorities, CHA provided computers to the Mahara Prison for skill level training of the Mahara prison inmates. CHA involves in the training and rehabilitation of inmates by imparting training in fundamentals of computing with the aim of equipping them with basic skills. Software related to educational and livelihood presented by ICTA were shared for use.

President of the International Court of Justice, Javid Yusuf, educator and diplomat and former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Prof Paul Komesaroff, Executive Director of Global Reconciliation, Director, Monash Centre for Ethics in Medicine and Society addressed the meeting.

The workshop was convened to explore the possibilities for ongoing cooperation with the intention of supporting recovery and reconstruction in Sri Lanka following the traumas of the last four decades. A broad representation of local groups and interests came together to showcase and develop models for working together to build trust and develop relationships across the country's divides. Examples of projects already underway in various fields – such as health care, the arts, sport, education and business – which can serve as models for others seeking to pursue similar goals were discussed.

RECONCILIATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR PEACE

Forum on Ancient cultures, new futures: Sri Lankans moving forward together

The forum on Ancient cultures, new futures: Sri Lankans moving forward together, an international project to help stimulate a process of healing in Sri Lanka was held at the Renuka Hotel, Colombo, August 24th to 26th 2012. It was organized by Global Reconciliation and the Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies.

Prof C. Weeramantry, former Judge and Vice President of the International Court of Justice, Javid Yusuf, educator and diplomat and former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Prof Paul Komesaroff, Executive Director of Global Reconciliation, Director, Monash Centre for Ethics in Medicine and Society addressed the meeting.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & TRAINING

Workshop on MS Project , Microsoft Excel-2007 and Effective Writing Skills

- A bespoke training on Microsoft Project 2007 for Oxfam (Australia) was conducted in 2 batches for 22 participants.
- An advance Microsoft Excel-2007 workshop was conducted specially for Oxfam (Australia) for 9 participants.
- Effective Writing Skills workshop specially designed for Oxfam Australia based on there needs assessment for 15 staff was conducted.



Workshop Participants



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Awareness on Sphere Standard for Mullaitivu District

Awareness on Sphere Standard for Mullaitivu District at the workshop on "Capacity Building on Emergency Response and Coordination" that was organized by UNOCHA. Participants were the Mullitivu District Disaster Management committee members held at Habarana. This session enabled the participants to understand the usefulness of the Sphere Handbook and help them to refer the sphere handbook to



During the workshop



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During the workshop

calculate the required emergency needs using key indicators given under the minimum standards.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

JAFFNA

Co-ordination meetings : The CHA conducted a co-ordination Meeting on "Teenage Pregnancy and its effects with Society" The participants were from Div. Secy's Of- fice, NGO's, & CBO's



Resource Person addressing the meeting



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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS... (Continued from page 3)



Mobile Medical Clinic

- Mobile Medical Clinic: 1100 patients received treatment
- Free Legal services in collaboration with IHR- 23 clients were provided advice and assistance.

MATARA

Coordination Facilitation and Networking

- Community Protection Network in collaboration with Vidatha has established 10 dehydrators for fish processing.
- Dried Natural flower making process was introduced to the CPN members. These natural flowers can be used in different decorative items .
- 5 schools in Matara district were identified for support with educational material . These under privileged schools will be supported through CHA's **"gifted school"** project.



Awareness programme :Home gardening



Awareness programme :cooking stove

- Awareness programme for Home gardening was conducted in Kekunawela at a participants home. About 12 beneficiaries participated in the programme Facilitator visited home gardens and advised on needed improvement



work .

- Awareness programme on efficient cooking stove usage and the health hazards caused by smoke were conducted for 20 women from Gandara.

Community protection Network (CPN)

CPN meeting was conducted in CHA district office with the participation of 10 CBOs in the district. Members were made aware on different activities carried out by individual organizations and how to mutually support the network .

HAMABANTOTA

A need assessment was conducted by CHA at Nedigamvila a rural village in Tissamaharama. This village is situated at the south edge of the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretary. The total land area of this GN division is 4.2 KM2, total population is 1334 and around 347 families.

Prioritized issues for the villagers are: Lack of income generation opportunity , transport and Library facilities, education facilities for children. Youth would be assisted toward empowerment and employment opportunist.

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CHA is supporting efforts through its networks in providing;

- Scholarships for capable underprivileged school children.
- Referring selected youth groups for youth empowerment programs.



- Study tables, desks, white boards, reading publications to schools.

Child Rights Advocacy Network (CRAN) programs

CHA organized a child rights advocacy program for some CRAN children in Ambalantota DS division with DFCD organization. CHA undertook following activities :

- ✘ Promote and conducting children’s club meetings;
- ✘ Identified child issues, to protect child rights & advocacy with elders under the supervision of CRAN organization members & CRPO.
- ✘ Conduct awareness programs and disseminate among the children on child protection.
- ✘ Conduct special programs on World Children's day on Child Protection & Advocacy.

Mobilizing women community leaders towards development of the community



With the objective of to building strong women community network in Ambalantota divisional secretariat division, a lecture & awareness program for the women community leaders in Ambalantota DS division was conducted. Critical social issues which people face, such as non schooling children, child abuses, violence against women, drug abuse by youth, environmental issues, & human rights, etc.

PAST EVENTS— MONTH OF AUGUST 2012 (COLOMBO)

Date	Veneue	Subject
07/08/12	CHA confernece room	PSF Clinic
07/08/12	CHA confernece room	Dr.Sam Samarashinge Meeting
09/08/12	CHA confernece room	Advance Microsoft Excel Training
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15/08/12	CHA confernece room	ICT Training
16/08/12	CHA confernece room	ICT Training
16/08/12	CHA confernece room	CLD/CHA forum
17/08/12	CHA confernece room	ICT Training
21/08/12	CHA confernece room	Effective Writing Skills
23/08/12	CHA confernece room	IHR Meeting
23/08/12	CHA confernece room	PSF Clinic
23/08/12	CHA confernece room	PSF Clinic
29/08/12	CHA confernece room	Microsoft Project 2007IT Training
30/08/12	CHA confernece room	Microsoft Project 2007IT Training
30/08/12	CHA confernece room	Waste Management forum
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CHA CLD Consultation on Human Rights Platform

CHA CLD Consultation on Human Rights Platform was held to make this initiative a success.

Action Points	Status
Organizing regular meetings between Ministry of Justice, AG's Dept. Dept. of Police and Dept. of Govt. Analysis	Additional Govt Analyst confirmed that monthly coordination meeting are on going.
Follow up the case noted by HRC on 4 year delay by Govt. Analyst's Department	Additional Govt Analyst confirmed that most of delayed cases are over. Delay due to lack of officers
Questioning children in Chambers in Camera.	Prof. Rajiva spoke to the Sec. Ministry of Justice .

Action Points	Status
Prison visit with HRC	Jeevan Thiagarajah , Prof. Rajiva Wijesinghe with HRC Chairman and officials visited Welikada prison. Letter sent from Director National Institute of Mental Health offering services to rehabilitate those sentenced for using drugs following intervention by CHA.
Migrant Workers issue - to organize a coordination meeting with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Employment, Ministry of Child Development and Women, Sri Lanka Foreign Bureau	CHA will send letter within this week
Letter to Chief justice on Meth Sevana, Domestic and Migrant workers	Letter was sent and Signed by Jeevan Thiagarajah, Prof. Rajiva Wijesinghe , Sajeewa Samaranyake and representative from WIN

AMPARA DISTRICT FORUM



Resource person addressing



Forum Participants

CHA convened a district forum in Ampara inviting government , I/ NGOs and CBO representatives to discuss development issues pertaining to the district. This monthly forum will

enable stakeholders to understand priority needs in the district and create a platform for coordinated response to the needs in the district.

Mr. K. Prabakaran, YSO, DS office, Alaiyadiwembu who was the guest lecturer, delivered spoke on **“Youth unemployment & livelihood options”**. Main points discussed at the meeting were youth unemployment, role of the NGOs, and Youth council & youth parliament in providing vocational trainings, carrier guidance & awareness programs in order to reduce unemployment.



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