

Information Update

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CHA Signed CRAN Agreement

Child Right Advocacy Network (CRAN) was formed among NGO's and Civil society Organizations in order to address and highlight needs of Institutionalized Children. As CHA's focus has been on children for the past many years, this movement recognized CHA as a founder member.

Registration of CRAN is done under the company act and will be finalized with in the next 3 weeks. CHA signed the CRAN document on Feb 25th.

Art Exhibition for Rehabilitees

CHA will be co-ordinating a Art exhibition for rehabilitees in April 2011. This event is organized by the Commission General of Rehabilitation.

Presentation by Dr Raman

General Forum was held on Feb 23 at CHA. IHR update/ Information highlights were shared and Dr. Raman presented on "working in multicultural environment". Personal experiences shared by him were very inspiring for the participants.

The Information Update Newsletter, produced by CHA focuses on updates of the consortium projects' monthly highlights; situations in districts; new acquisitions and other related information for the community it serves.

The Information Update is also available

on the CHA website:

<http://www.humanitarian-srilanka.org>

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Relief & Rehabilitation

Mobile Health Clinics

18 clinics were conducted during this month and over 1050

patients received assistances through this programme. Mercy team has visited the project locations for monitoring purposes. Training was conducted to Staff, volunteers and Grama Sevaka in order to improve the Capacity on programme detail and complain response mechanism. Arrangements were done to establish information sharing boards in all the villages to inform about the services to the people.

Maternity Kits for flood victims

Responding to the needs identified at the assessment done in Batticalore and Ampara districts 1075 maternity kits were distributed at the following location

District	Beneficiaries (Pregnant Mothers)
Batticaloa District	
Chenkalady - MOH	600
Valachcheni and Kiran	300
Ampara District	
Alayadivempu MOH	175

Basline Survey for JICA in Jaffna

CHA is conducting a Baseline Survey on Reconstuction and Development Planning in Jaffna on behalf of JICA. This assement will be on 21 communities in 6 divisions.

Progress on Micro Finance Project

Group Meetings—Mannar

There were 16 group Meeting conducted in Kaththankulam and Karunkandal, and over 320 participants participated in these group meetings.



SIYB



01 SIYB Training programmes with NAITA have completed at Kanthankulam in Mannar district.

Skill Development

Vocational skill development programme was conducted on 11th December 2010 for 40 clients at Karunkandal in Manthai West.



Psychosocial initiatives

Workshop on positive discipline for children

A full day WS on positive discipline for children was conducted in Colombo at CHA HQ on the 24th February 2011. The program was facilitated by a Senior Lecturer in Psychology; Child Psychologist-University of Peradeniya.

The workshop mainly furnished for Relief workers,

Psychologists, psychiatrists, psychosocial professionals, health professionals, especially focused on Primary & preschool teachers, Childcare workers and parents with the emotional maturity to gain benefit from this training .Participants are from SHADE, SOS Children's Village, Aquinas College, Daycare teachers, Pre School Teachers, Canadian Red Cross, and few Mothers.

District Highlights

Hambanthota

PSF Monthly meeting

It was held at Matara RDHS office on 22nd February with participation of 22 members From the Government and NGO sector.

Workshops conducted by Network/ other organizations with facilitative support of CHA Coordinator

Workshop on "Group Counseling" was organized by the Divisional Secretariat Office Sooriyawewa on 15th February with participation of 40 Govt and NGO representatives .The Program was facilitated by CHA Coordinator

Workshop on "Drugs prevention" was organized by Sewalanka Foundation in Monaragala on 09th February with participation of 22 Govt and NGO representatives .The Program was facilitated by CHA Coordinator

Support was given by CHA for the "Mental Health and Mental Diseases" programme conducted at Hambantota DS office on 07th February , the program was attended by 92 participants from the NGO and Govt sector including DS office staff. (Program was organized by Caritas/ SEDEC (Galle).

Counseling activities conducted by CHA

08 Counseling sessions were conducted for the clients who seeked assistance from CHA based PS coordinator who is a professional counselor.

Puttlam

Forum against Gender Based Violence



was held on 25th February 2011 at Human Rights Commission Puttalam from 09.30am – 1.00pm. Ms Budhi Ranasinghe - Legal Officer of Human Rights Commission Puttalam facilitated the event. Staffs of Child Vision Sri Lanka; Women's Forum , RDF Viluthu (Colombo), ULI, Human Rights Commission and

NRC attended this event.

Ampara

The Ampara PS Network initiated mapping of psychosocial and other interventions conducted in the district with technical support of the National PSF-CHA.

A brief update of current activities of service organizations have been documented and a presentation done at PS meeting to sensitize members of district organizational activities.

For more details on projects :

http://www.humanitarian-srilanka.org/new/Psychosocial_Forum.htm

Sharing Information

Humanitarian Media Service

With the intention of providing web and reference access to media on district profiles, humanitarian and development activities, information were collated and separate folders allocated for access. Maintenance of such folders is underway regularly. Media contacts are informed of the available resources.

For further information



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RedR Resource Materials at CKC

RedR UK/ CHA LSCB Programme partnership documents pertaining to training, need assessments, courses conducted and reference/resource materials were made available at the CKC. This will enable pool of trainers and others to make use of the resource materials. Invitation to humanitarian and development agencies are invited to make use of the available resources.

Training & Development

6th Batch on Advance MS Excel- 21st & 22nd February 2011

This successful workshop was facilitated by Ms Jayanthi Somasekeram, Head of IT , Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies.

Comments from the participants

The facilitator did a good job. The Right information was shared at the right time
-Roshan Anandage- Dipped Products PLC

A very useful presentation that covered many areas. Just perfect- Shanthi De Silva-UNHCR

Very useful in my work specially in Database creation and Financial.- K Sivathasan-Oxfam Australia

Very good training. Well recommended to others.-Dayan Georgesz- UNHCR

Strengthening Local Capacities for Peace building

Meeting/Training for the partner organization

We conducted a training/meeting for the partner organizations on 24 and 25 Feb in Kandy Sathyodaya Training Centre. 12 senior official representing 6 partner organizations participated on this meeting.

This meeting was conducted to explain the project activities in detail and identify the role of partner organization in conducting the project activities. Also the partner organizations experience in peace building was shared among the other participants.

In addition to that, we conducted training on "Mitigating workplace conflicts" which was appreciated by the all the participants as they are facing to similar issues in day to day work.



For more information about the project

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