

# Information Update

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## CHA Commence 5<sup>th</sup> Distant learning training on conflict transformation & peace building



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.

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CHA is starting its 5th Distant learning certificate course on conflict transformation & peace building with partnership with COR-DAID. More than 900 applications were received, of which, 180 will be short listed .

We have increased the no of participants this year due to the demand and the need in the districts. The project will work with 06 partner organizations from Matara, Matale, Ampara, Vavuniya, Nuwaraeliya and Batticaloa during this year.

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## Relief & Rehabilitation

### Promoting Health



### Mobile Health Clinics (Mercy Malaysia)

19 clinics were conducted during this month and over 1100 patients received assistances through this programme. Capacity development was done for team members by the Mercy staff in Jaffna.



### IMHO Health Programme at Madhu DS



The clinics served around 2349 patients during the two and half month's operations by 44 outreach clinics. We also have referred 156 special patients to the Vavuniya Hospital for the treatments of the diseases i.e. hypertension.

### Flood Responses Programme



Efforts were taken to respond to the flood disaster. Mercy Malaysia responded and confirmed its support towards this programme. 1000 families were assisted in Batticaloa and Ampara for their hygiene needs. Assurances were given through Municipal council of Batticaloa and local partner organizations in Ampara.

### Provision of Solar power in Jaffna



30 Solar panels were installed late last year. Confirmation has been received from the donor to assist further 70 beneficiaries in the district of Jaffna. Beneficiary names are collected from the divisions of Nallur and Kopay. 30 families have already provided power through a project of sustainable energy programme.

### Capacitating beneficiaries of Micro Finance Project

During this month's training following trainings and meetings were conducted in Vavuniya District.

- 1 -SIYB-Kutikap Pudikulam
- 1 - Skill Training - Marailipai
- 1 - Micro Finance - Pathiprindakulam
- 4 - Group Meeting
- 1 - CBO meeting

# Psychosocial initiatives

## General Psychosocial Forum:

The General PSF Annual review meeting was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2011 at CHA HQ. The full day meeting focused on reviewing the objectives, activities of the Forum in the previous year. An action plan and new objectives have been sought by the members for the year 2011.

## The Annual Review WS

The Annual Review Workshop with all the Network coordinators were held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 at CHA HQ. All the Network coordinators representing Jaffna, Ampara, Vavuniya, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Mannar, Puttlum, Anuradhapura, Galle, Matara, Hambanthota, Badulla, Moneragala and Killinochchi were present at the WS. The WS focused on reviewing the regional initiatives activities conducted in 2010 and developing a detailed action plan for the year 2011.

### PS Network in -Killinochchi and Mullativu

As a result of the successful outcomes the CHA was able to liaise with Killinochchi Government authorities (RDHS) to initiate PS networks and organise small scale PS initiatives in the 2 districts.

CHA will be extending contributions to first start up training programs for the Government representatives and the psychosocial workers in the Killinochchi and Mullative based on needs expressed by the Government counterparts and consider supporting psychosocial needs within the 2 districts.

### Women & Children's desk-Ampara

The PSF Network have Managed to mobilize a Women & Children's desk with the police and the Probation Dept.

### Child Abuse in Children's homes -Anuradhapura

Issues pertaining to child abuse in Children's Homes have been taken up by the Network and relevant government authorities were informed of malpractices. As a result 2 Homes have been raded by the police and necessary action was taken to protect children and special visits have been organized by the probations department.

### Alcohol and Tobacco prevention in Vauniya Schools & Grama Niladari community centres

Awareness raising programmes on alcohol and tobacco prevention were conducted in the schools and amongst Grama Niladari community centres in 5 villages.

### Beggars sent to camps Vavuniya

86 Beggars from the streets were sent for camps in coordination with the Government GA.

## Workshop on Report Writing skills- 11th & 12th January 2011

This successful workshop was facilitated by Ms Kumari Welagedara. Participants were from Plan Sri Lanka, ADRA, NCEASL and SOND.



### Comments from the participants

The trainer is very friendly and approachable. Uses clear language and give room for questions.  
Visaka Wickramarachchi-ADRA



The workshop was very Useful to improve my knowledge in report writing. The trainer was excellent.  
Krishadevi Abeyasekera- Plan Sri Lanka

## Managing Stubborn Children-19th January 2011

2nd repeated workshop was conducted due to popular demand from Parents & Teachers. Dr Janet were able to change the participants way of thinking regard to the children's behavior through this practical session.

### Participants comments

Resouce person was really good. Seems to be an expert in this area. Her Knowledge & experience helped in big time. **Somashree Subramaniam- Parent**

Gain lot of information about kids behavior and the way of responding for them.  
**Surangi Athukorala-Regent International College, Gampaha**

Very Useful training and excellent trainer: appreciated all the real life experiences she shared with us. **Nayana Gunasekera- Parent**

## Mitigating Conflicts in Workplace- 25th January 2011

This interesting workshop was facilitated by Mr A Vaithilingam. Participants are from DRC, High Commission of Canada, UNHCR, MNT, IMC-Zimbabwe.

### Participants Thoughts

*Excellent Session, the instructor was very informative and Allowed participants to ask questions and narrate experiences*—Fouad Kronfli- country Director ,IMC-Zimbabwe

*Good Coverage of Subject*—Cynthia Morseth, Admin Manager, DRC

*Resouce person is very friendly and knowledgeable.*—Deepa Indrajith- HR officer, High Commission of Canada.

## Finance and Administration Meeting on 18th January 2011

The first Finance and Administration Meeting on Tax remittance update was held on 18th January 2011 at CHA Meeting Room. The Executive Director- CHA chaired this meeting and 26 staff members of Habitat for Humanity, KNH, Handicap international, Offer, People in Need, NRC, ZOA, ADRA, CIDA-PSU, Malteser International, Plan International, COHRE, JEN, VSO and FSD were present.

## Printing & Editing & Translation Unit



### IFRC - Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction for Field Practitioners

The project was concluded successfully in translating, editing, and designing four manuals. A task completed within three months when the scheduled programme was 9 months.

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