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EQUAL RIGHTS AND CHANGE



A group of participants

A consultative meeting on issues related to Women, Children, Prisoners, Law Delays, Torture and Migrant Workers was organized by The Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA), the Council for Liberal Democracy (CLD) and the office of the Advisor - Reconciliation to HE the President.

The meetings focused on the National Human Rights Action Plan, its implementation and related issues was held on 11th June 2012 at 9 am at CHA meeting room, No.86, Rosmead Place, Colombo 07. Prof. Rajiva Wijesinghe MP, Additional Government Analyst, Chairman of National Child Protection Authority, Representative from Human Rights commission and civil society activists were among participants.

Extracts from Minutes...

- ✂ Regular meetings between Ministry of Justice, AG's Dept. Dept. of Police and Dept. of Govt. Analysis
- ✂ Questioning a child in chambers/in camera was mentioned and it was mentioned this is in practice in some courts. However even in cases related to rape there are instances where the child is questioned in open court. Such specific incidences should be quoted.
- ✂ Press briefing or Press release after monthly meetings by Prof. Rajiva , Jeevan, HRC and Govt. Analyst's representatives
- ✂ Obtaining a copy of "Rata Wiruwo" programme from Sri Lanka Foreign Bureau

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

SPHERE Introductory session and dissemination for Librarians



A group of participants

Introductory session and dissemination for Librarians was held on 31st May 2011 at CHA

Librarians from Central Environmental Authority, Centre for Policy Alternatives, Centre of Development Information National Planning Department, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Law and Society Trust, National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka Air Force Command Library and Sri Lanka Standards Institute Library participated for the event. They have requested presentations for their respective internal staff on Sphere standards.

Roundtable discussion on SPHERE for Private sector and Media group



A group of participants

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Roundtable discussion... (Continued from page 1)

Introductory session and dissemination for **Private and Media** was held on 12th June 2011 at 10 AM at CHA conference room.

Representatives from Federation of Chamber of Commerce, Rotary club, CSR Managers from Companies and Banks, Microsoft Sri Lanka, Media were among participants.

Introductory session on Sphere Handbook 2011



Address by Resource person

An introductory session on Sphere Handbook 2011 edition was conducted at Care International Office, Vavuniya. There were 15 participants, 8 from Care International and 7 from World Vision Lanka.

During the session ,Sphere handbook 2011 edition was introduced and the participants were briefed on the main chapters in Sphere handbook. The promotional activities and disseminations done by CHA were presented to them.

Monitoring & Evaluation workshop for World Vision Lanka & Care International staff



Participants

A workshop on Monitoring & Evaluation was carried out for World Vision Lanka & Care International at Care international office, Vavuniya. 8 participants from Care International and 7 participants from World Vision Lanka

participated at this workshop. This workshop was facilitated by Isha Miranda and co facilitated by Jayanthi Somasekeram

Upcoming trainings

Date	Course title
5 th July	Effective writing skills
6 th July	Microsoft Access-Basic
17 th & 18 th July	Financial Management for NGO finance staff
19 th & 20 th July	Microsoft Access-Intermediate level
25 th -27 th July	Advance MS Excel -2007

NONPROFIT SERVICES

Children's Forum Held at CHA on 20th June 2012



Participants

A special forum was organized for those running Children's Homes in Colombo district. Representatives from Ebenser Garden childrens home, Sucharithodaya children home, Mavpiya sevana, Silpa child development center and Clarendon children home participated at this forum.

How Children's come to these Homes

Ebenser Garden Children's Home , Mavpiya Sevana Child Development Centre, Shilpa Child Development Centre they interview and take but Sucharithodaya home children are sent from court.

Reasons why children are in homes

For protection, abuse children's, victims of rape cases, minor offences like theft.

Difficulties faced by Children Homes

- ✗ Not enough staff
- ✗ Allowances given by the government is not enough (Rs.20 per day for a child)
- ✗ Standards should be there in a home, as govt. grade the children's home according to the standards.
- ✗ When a child was sent through court there are no details or documents of the child. Only the court order is there . Children's home need the details of the parents, probation officers supervision report, Birth certificates, medical status
- ✗ Suggested that children should enter to a children home according to their religion
- ✗ When entering the child to a School - school will enter the child according to their age , but the child is not fit to be in that particular class and should be admitted to a lower grade.
- ✗ Need some educational programmes for the officers, wardens, matrons
- ✗ Children need to be rehabilitate, give counseling. Specially the children who are sent through courts.

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Children's Forum..., (Continued from page 2)

Action to be taken by us

- ✎ Write to NCPA / Probation/ Women & children's Bureau
- ✎ Rehabilitation programmes Leadership building
- ✎ Skill development training – sourcing school children and undertaking programme
- ✎ Obtain permission from the probation to do the skill development training.
- ✎ Identify NISD students for counseling

Gifted Schools Mentoring Project



Participants

First discussion of the Gifted Schools Mentoring Project was represented by four schools in Colombo. Prof. Indra De Soya- Warden – St. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia, Mrs. A.K.S.J.F. Liyanage- Deputy Principal, D.S.

Senanayake College ,Mrs. I. V. Jayatileka- Sectional Head, Middle School, Stafford College, Mr. S.M.M. Ajwath- Zahira College

The conclusions were :

- ✎ Launch in September, 2012 a platform for nominated students from participating schools;
- ✎ Collection of reading material arranged by age to contribute to reading rooms in remote rural schools in in any of the 3 languages;
- ✎ Sharing the best of the projects completed and graded by different classes;
- ✎ Sharing of study packs (past papers, tutorials);
- ✎ Organizing Education camps for gifted students in in Colombo or in the regions;
- ✎ Assisting gifted students study for O/L and A/Ls including for London examinations;
- ✎ Where possible giving entry to gifted students through scholarships;
- ✎ The project covers gifted talents related to nonacademic skills such as Art, Drama, Debating, Music, etc.
- ✎ Schools would indicate possible quantum's in terms of capacity to contribute/accommodate and suggestions for selection criteria based on which we will assist source potential beneficiaries.



Participants

Psychosocial Unit Update

1. CHA Clinic: The Psychological clinic is having its regular therapists and clients.
2. Income Generation Trainings, to commence in the near future, (June - July 2012)
- ✎ Diploma Course in "English Language for Speakers of Other Languages" by Ms. Rukmal Salgado. (Lecturer at university of Colombo). This is in collaboration with City and Gilds. Awaiting their center approval to go ahead with advertising.
- ✎ Certificate Course in "Educational Methods for Children with Special Needs" – by Ms. Malika Surasena. Director and Principal of the Buddhi Pre School & Day Care Centre (Gampaha). It commenced on the 30th of June 2012 at CHA.
3. Planning to coordinate the CHA humanitarian initiative to disseminate dry rations for people living with AIDS. On this behalf the PS Consultant has informed the staff to work on a proper coordination plan (liaise with the Government health department – AIDS Bureau and civil society networks to reach families needing help and organize training for the volunteers as to how to screen beneficiaries and develop a monitoring system at CHA). PS Coordinator to send out letters to schools (starting with Stafford International) requesting for dry rations. The donations will be sent to the Princy Mangalika HIV Centre and the Lanka Plus Organization.
4. Media collaborations for promotion of PS activities: PS unit is working on a fund raiser through a Musical Show. Tentatively planned to have it on the 7th of September 2012, at the HFC Auditorium. Coordinating with performers and approaching companies for sponsorships. Sponsorship letters are ready to be sent out. Upcoming events as such will be notified to the public through the Sunday Observer events column.

Psycho Social Forum:

The next forum is going to be held on the 6th of July, 2012.

Regional Initiatives - District Updates: Mannar

- The Psychosocial Forum meeting was held on the 31st of May, at Mental Health Unit, General Hospital. Discussions were on psychosocial problems and the need for prevention and awareness programs.
- 6 field visits conducted to Santhipuram, Selvanagar, Chemantheevu, Nanattan, Adampan and Murunkan. Issues that arose were domestic violence and alcohol problems.
- 3 GBV discussions had taken place at Nanattan, Vannakulam and Adampan. The issues again were regarding domestic violence and the need for awareness programs.
- Counseling and health care services for 16 families were conducted.

Plans for next month –

- 01 GBV forum meeting
- 08 field visits to Manthai west and Nanattan divisions.
- 05 discussions with WRDS members and childrens' club members.
- 01 workshop for counselors.
- 03 GBV awareness programmes

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND PUBLICATION SERVICES

WEB UPDATE

Updated content on www.humanitarian-srilanka.org (Sphere promotion information, Newsletters, News & events) 25 updates

WEB DEVELOPMENT

Developed & Designed



www.spheresrilanka.org

The aim of this website is to focus on the humanitarian standards and guidance, and inspire those involved in humanitarian response to incorporate them in their work.

Sphere Sri Lanka is a voluntary initiative that brings a wide range of humanitarian agencies together towards a common aim - to improve the quality of humanitarian assistance and the accountability of humanitarian actors to their components, donors and affected populations. Sphere Sri Lanka, is a unique and inspiring National coalition of humanitarian agencies in Sri Lanka.

Sphere Sri Lanka facilitates training and capacity building, information and knowledge management Advocacy through a collaborative process for Quality and Accountability in Humanitarian activities in Sri Lanka.

spheresrilanka.org domain name is purchased. This domain will be used for promotion of Sphere standards and activities and is hosted on blue host server.

MAIL SERVER ADMINISTRATION, SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING



A group of participants



Training children from School for Deaf, Ratmalana for 7 students .They were shown a video clip on how IP packets travel via internet links for them to get an idea on networks; assisted in sourcing network diagrams through Google search to develop a network structure for their exhibition on 17th June;

Shown the CHA server room and machines, routers, data switches and data cables; explanation on how the network system works as it would help them to create presentations for the exhibition.



A group of students

On 26th June 8 students attended. They were asked to **present the PowerPoint presentation** that they created during

the session on PowerPoint (March 2012). It was a practice for them on how to present the information to audience and features that can be used during slideshow.

Three students presented their PowerPoint presentation that they created for the exhibition.

One was about "The Computer System" the other on "Computer Network" and third on "Computer Generations". All 3 presentations were very attractive and well presented.



The Coordination Meeting held in Jaffna on 27th June was screened in Colombo Head Office via Skype with Technical Advice ,a new Skype account for Jaffna CHA (Skype ID: cha.jaffna),Tested the Skype connectivity and the bandwidth .

The meeting took place for one and a half hours and it was screened in Colombo HO via Skype without any interruptions. DED had a discussion with Jaffna staff after the meeting via Skype and they were advised on improvements to be made for the next meeting.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

JAFFNA

DISTRICT CO-ORDINATION MEETING



The meeting had a total No. of 48 participants and was linked with CHA Colombo by Video Skype.



Mrs. Rajany Chandrasegaram, Supervisor & Consultant for GBV desk at Teaching Hospital, Jaffna delivered her address on the “ **Role of Local Institutions in dealing with the violence against women and children**”. She urged the participants to be very careful, when handling such issues. The victims of this issue are mostly women and young girls of age ranging 15 – 45 . Further, she pointed out that, when arresting this issue a joint effort was very necessary. The employees of Public sector, Officers of Private sector, NGO Officials and CBO’s should join to work together while the Police Department should arrest the prevailing situation. Preferably the NGO’s shall play vital part in this to fight Gender Based Violence. When considering the role to be played by Government Officers, Women Development Officers (W.D.O),

Child Rights Protection Officers (CRPO) and Probation Officers, can play a vital part as they all are subject matter officers. As soon as, her speech was over there was sharing of views on the subject. The following were mentioned :

- ✎ A joint working committee is an utmost need to handle this matter. This committee can decide what and how they can handle the matter. This is very necessary to conduct Awareness programmes at the beginning. The WDO’s, CRPO’s, Probation officers and the Social Services Officers (S.S.O) should be forefront to collect statistics in this matter.
- ✎ A psychosocial programme to be arranged for affected women for the early recovery from trauma. If these victims are from below poverty line they should be given some financial assistance to improve their way of life.

The participants requesting the following from CHA :

- ✎ CHA should play a role on violence against women and children. Because this is the first time, a National NGO’s called us to discuss about this burning issues, as CHA has a good background ,it can take up this matter to the attention of higher authorities stationed at Colombo.
- ✎ The GBV working group does not have enough funds. CHA should help, the GBV working group to find access to funds from INGO’s or Government.
- ✎ At last the Chairman promised all the participants to bring the above said matters to the attention of CHA, Colombo. At the same time, he urged and requested the NGO’s attended the programme to send their activities report monthly to enable CHA Jaffna to forward same to Colombo.

Mobile Medical Clinic – 970 patients were provided treatment at Allaipiddy village

Free tuition – Evening Class—There are 25 students studying with two teachers are there.

Free Legal services for 36 clients by IHR.

MATARA

Coordination facilitation and Networking

Spectacle distribution programme for the elders was conducted in Weligama DS with community protection network members in collaboration of social service department in Weligama DS office. Training programme on attitude development and positive thinking was facilitated with SED (Small Enterprise Development unit) for graduate trainees in Malimbada Ds division Field visit to

Dampella village to Identified differently abled people. One child who cannot walk coordinates to Helabeem Sri lanka for supporting her.

Community protection Network Meeting

CPN meeting was conducted with the participation of 12 CBOs in Matara District.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

HAMBANTOTA

Awareness program on women empowerment & livelihood



With the objective of empowering women for self employment & livelihood by using domestic inputs, an awareness program for of 100 women leaders in Hambantota Sisilasagama area was organized with the support of DFCD organization and Community leaders. Under this program we pointed out many options on how to start self employment by using domestic items for income generation. Among these, identifying urban and rural level natural resources such as recycling, Identify current market demand, how to obtain day to today nutritional foods and vegetables from own garden, how to manage small credits loans for own business, how to save small amount per day, how to obtain help for own progress by social relationships etc. In addition importance of team building for their progress and how to find supporting organizations for their progress.

As a special event of this program, we were able to link participants who are engaged in on going self employment and who wish to start businesses in the near future for several institutions to support their business. Such as, Embilipitiya International Centre for Training Rural Leaders, Women Development Federation, Vidatha

centre. At end of the event, we planed to do follow ups to monitor progress in every month.

School curriculum programs

With the objective of repairing broken furniture in selected schools by using youth skills and knowledge, we launched a new program from Ambalantota Therapuththa Vidyalaya. As a result we were able to see lack of furniture for school students such as chairs, desks in the class rooms for their studies. Interventions to repair broken furniture in collaboration with Youth who have successfully completed carpentry and welding courses from vocational Training Authority, Federation of youth clubs, Business community Ambalantota & several supporting institutions is now planned for 200 desks and chairs initially.

IT Trainings courses

We referred 22 youth for Information technology courses conducted by Voluntary organizations in Hambantota divisional secretariat division. Among them are schools leavers & unemployed youth who were also provided IT guide hand books in collaboration with donating institutions.

Awareness program on Human Rights & Land rights for Grama Niladaries

With the objective of providing basic knowledge on human rights and land rights for Grama Niladaries in Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, CHA Hambantota district office has been planed to conduct half day awareness program in mid-July. Preparatory work gathering hand books on human rights and land rights to provide participants from some institutions has begun.

CHA Coordination and facilitation services for youth development

Information disseminated on “Social Star reality program” organized by Sanasa Development Bank for youth groups in Hambantota for youth to apply for social star reality program.

Advocacy Forums on Children Homes.

We hope to conduct advocacy forums on Children homes to discus and intervention for child issues in collaboration with Government institutions, I/NGOs, CBOs, Voluntary organizations who are working on child development and child protection in Southern province districts. As an initial step of this program, basic information on Hambantota District and children homes was gathered.

National level Publications for Hambantota District Resource center.

Valuable publications on statistical information, Annual reports of several government departments such as Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Planning, National performance of Sri Lanka which was published by Ministry of Finance was accessed for the Resource Centre.

- Information Dissemination for 73 clients

UPCOMING CHA FORUM SCHEDULE

Subject/Topic	Coordinated by	Venue	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
CHA CLD Consultation on Human Rights	Lalith/ Menaka	CHA	9	6	10	8	12	10
Stakeholder forum on Development	Vaithi	CHA	31	29	27	31	30	21
Environment Forum	Sathis	CHA			27			20
Forum on children's home & other thematic area	Menaka	CHA	11(Gampaha)	08 (Galle)	12	3 & 24	14	5
Youth Development forum	Iram	CHA		29		30		25
South forum on children's home	Niroshini/ Sirimal	CHA		TBA		TBA		TBA
Psychosocial Forum	Iram	CHA		31st		26		28

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Meeting promoting Healing



A group of participants



A group of participants

A small group of persons who met recently have decided to promote collectively empathizing with all victims of the conflict, whether civilian, soldier or combatant, belonging to Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim or other communities spread over the life of the 3 uprisings.

It calls for setting aside a day where people who wish to grieve and practice traditional rituals for their dead can do so in any part of the country with the strict condition that what is personal is not turned into a political tool for rousing any form of sentiment which threatens public security or inter communal relations.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND PUBLICATION SERVICES

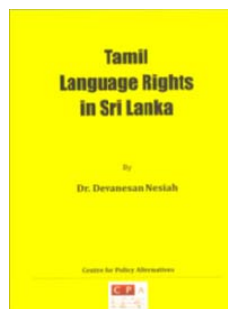
Colombo Knowledge Centre New acquisitions – June 2012



The 2011 Humanitarian Accountability Report

Published by The Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International, Switzerland

The 2011 Humanitarian Accountability Report describes progress towards achieving HAP's vision of an accountable humanitarian system. The review includes an overview of developments, reports from HAP members, the views of people affected by Kenya's food crisis, and perceptions of accountability from the humanitarian community collected from HAP's annual survey.



Tamil Language Rights in Sri Lanka (Sinhala, Tamil and English)

Published by Centre for Policy Alternatives

This was written by Dr. Devanesan Nesiiah, Former Civil Servant

He also headed the team appointed in 1998 by the Official Language Commission of Sri Lanka to conduct an Audit on the use of Tamil as an Official Language in the provinces outside of the North East.



UNDAC Disaster Response Preparedness Mission to Sri Lanka

Published by UNOCHA

Part one of this report provides an analytical overview of the hazard and risks faced in the country and a description of the legal, institutional and policy framework currently in place. Part one provides a foundation for understanding the findings of the missions outlined in Part two. Part two follows the disaster management cycle. Section 6.0 on Disaster Preparedness looks at monitoring systems and information management, and how these functions form part of national exercises and trainings.



Central Bank Annual Report 2011 (Sinhala Tamil, English)

Published by Central Bank

Report on the state of the economy, condition of the Central Bank and policies and measures adopted by the Monetary Board. Released in April and also available on CD in English and Sinhala.

HEAD OFFICE EVENTS— MONTH OF JUNE 2012

Date	Venue	Subject	Participants
11/6/2012	CHA	A consultative meeting on issues related to Women, Children, Prisoners, Law Delays, Torture and Migrant Workers	Aid agencies, embassies & others
31/06/2012	CHA	Round table discussion on Sphere standards for librarians	Library staffs
18/06/2012	CHA	Roundtable discussion on SPHERE for Private sector and Media group	Private sector and media groups members
14/06/2012	Care International Vavuniya	Introductory session on Sphere Handbook 2011	15 participants, 8 from Care International and 7 from World Vision Lanka.
14 & 15/06/2012	Care International Vavuniya.	Monitoring & Evaluation workshop	for World Vision Lanka & Care International staff (15 participants,)
20/06/2012	CHA	Children's Forum	Ebenser Garden childrens home, Sucharithodaya children home, Mavpiya sevana, Silpa child development center and Clarendon children home
06/2012	CHA	Discussion on Gifted Schools Mentoring Project	Colombo schools principals and Cha staffs
17/06/2012	CHA	Training on mail server administration, systems maintenance	School for Deaf, Ratmalana for 7 students
26/06/2012	CHA	Training on PowerPoint presentation	School for Deaf, Ratmalana for 8students

DISTRICTS EVENTS— MONTH OF JUNE 2012

27/5/2012	NGO council-Jaffna	NGO council meeting	All representatives of NGO council and observers
07/6/2012	Hambantota	Field visits to follow up & monitor Ridiyagama children centre	Child Rights Advocacy network members
19/6/2012	H / Therapuththa National School	Meeting & discussion with Principle of H / Therapuththa National School regarding proposed education program	
11/6/2012	Ambalantota	Meeting and discussion on vocational trainings for the rural youth to development	Ambalantota Youth Service Officer
14/6/2012	American corner-Jaffna	Environmental program-Skype conference	Students/Ngo members-9 members
15/6/2012	Jaffna	INSGD work shop	10 members from Moolai community
15/6/2012	Jaffna	Language association meeting	Five- members of association
12/6/2012	Matara	CPN meeting	12 CBOs in Matara District.
20/6/2012	Ambalantota	Coordination & facilitation services for youth Drama Festival	Ambalantota Federation of Youth Clubs & Youth Service officer
11/6/2012	Weligama DS office	Spectacle distribution programme for the elders	community protection network members
26/06/2012 - 02/07/2012.	Jaffna	Conducting a psychosocial programme	CHA , Mercy Malaysia and others
26/06/2012	Sisilasagama	Meeting for women community leaders to aware that how to generate good income by using domestic items	women community leaders
28/06/2012	Jaffna	Mobile Medical Clinic for people of Allaipiddy village and the peoples of Vadamaradchchy East ,	970 patients , Mercy Malaysia staff
13/06/2012	Kilinochchi	IMHO, Colombo in collaboration with CHA is in process to distribute re-cycle Loan to Women headed family.	Recycle Loan to women headed families and CHA Staff
26/06/ 2012	CHA Meeting Room Jaffna.	District Co-Ordination Meeting Presentation on Role of Local Institutions in dealing with the violence against women and children	48 participants
28/06/2012	Organized by NGO Council Jaffna.	NGO Council meeting	All representatives of NGO council
29/06/2012	Organized by American Corner. Jaffna.	Environmental meeting	Ngo members

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Rain water harvesting systems
(Batticaloa district Karadiyanaru)



PROJECT BRIEF – PHASE II (2012)

phase ii of this project commenced late April 2012 and scheduled to be completed by 23rd July 2012. construction of four water harvesting systems and a well re-charge system with adequate awareness to the community was projected for completion and was completed in June .

CONSTRUCTION

construction of four 8m³ (8000l) capacity Fero-cement rain water harvesting systems in all four sites in Chenkaladi ds division were completed. in addition well recharge system in Karadiyanaru has been fully completed.

**Above ground rain water harvesting systems—
Construction completed**

- Government seed reduction farm karadiyanaru
- Police station- Karadiyanaru
- Range forest office—Pullumalai
- Mrs. Sothimallar's residence



Well recharge system—
construction completed Mrs. Messimallar's residence



Operation & maintenance awareness programs

The way each system operates and the way it should be maintained were comprehensively explained. A visibility banner which briefs about the practices was given to each location. 5 awareness programs were carried out one each in each of the site after the construction. all 5 sites have been handed over to the respective beneficiaries for sustainability and maintenance



Well recharge system



Mrs. Messimallar's residence

This project was funded under the Social Development Civil Society Fund Grant Activities by World Bank, Sri Lanka.

Reader who wish to obtain more information or wish to collaborate with CHA are invited to communicate by email with exccdir@cha.lk.

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