

Information Update

March 2011



Capacity building for Teachers & Students

Awareness programme in Madhu Educational Zone

Awareness program on “Mental Health Problems and “Gender Base Violence” for school students was conducted on the 2nd, 17th and 18th of March with the support of Sarvodaya Vavudyam. PS Forum Members from MOH Mannar and Valvudaya PS Officer facilitated the event

Conflicts faced by the teachers in school

A two day workshop was conducted for Teachers in Madhu resettled area at Valvudhayan on 26th and 27th March 2011.

Preventing teenage pregnancies

CHA PS Consultant had a meeting with RDHS and Medical Superintend regarding the key psychosocial issues Batticaloa At this meeting it was highlighted the community problems on teenage pregnancy and sexual violence against teenage girls in Kuchaveli and Thampalakamam MOH divisions. Further discussions with MOH Kuchaveli were planned and initiatives were taken to organize an awareness programmes for school students, teachers and parents with a view to prevent teenage pregnancies.

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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NPS activities

Human Rights Cases from Detentions camps

25 Cases of Human Rights were received from the detentions camps. This was an outcome of HR Officer Mr. Niranchhan visit to Poonthottam camp in Vavuniya on 26th February. The contacts of CHA and IHR were shared among the detainees and request varying from Livelihood to Education were received. These inquiries were sent by families of victims residing in Vavuniya, Jaffna and Ampara districts. Legal issues were forward to IHR for further action. Two persons were released. CHA periodically contacts the families to keep them updated on the course of action being taken from Colombo.

Forum on Lifeline

Forum on Lifeline was held on March 23 at CHA meeting room. This gave us an opportunity to table the needs and strengths of the team. Organizations present was very positive and pledged support in

order to take this initiative off ground.



Inmates handicraft product

Sale at the Girl Guides HQ was held on March 25th. Stalls by NIMH, Methsewana and Salvation Army was displayed. Coordinated by IHR the above institutes were able to sell some of their finished products of household and decorative items.

Meeting/events for Mentally Handicapped

A meeting to set up a vocational service to Unit 2 women at NIMH was held at CHA on March 4th at CHA. The idea of the “Elephant project” was initiated by VSO coordinator Ms. Marijke Halman. The 2nd meeting took place on March 23rd at NIMH where NPS staff was able to obtain the exact status of how the project would go. Product Marketing, Supplies was discussed and minuted. NPS staff was able to bring to Colombo some of the finished products by the patients to be sold at Girls Guides Sale on March 25th.



Strengthening Local Capacities for Peace building

Study session conduct in March

Date	Venue	No of participant
5 th & 6 th March	Matara	35
26 th & 27 th March	Ampara	23
26 th & 27 th March	Batticaloa	27
12 th & 13 th March	Nuwara Eliya	24

CS Trainings in Vavuniya & Mannar



March 8th & 9th

CHA conflict sensitivity unit conducted CS capacity building training for the Livelihood (LH) beneficiaries and community leaders in Pavatkulakm Village in Vavuniya district.

10th March, 2011

Conducted one day Kick off training on conflict sensitivity for the LH project Beneficiaries in Marailupai Village in Vavuniya District.

28th & 29th March, 2011

Conducted two days capacity building training for the LH beneficiaries on Conflict sensitivity in KathanKulam village in Mannar district.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming Trainings

28th & 29th April
Finance Management for Non finance Managers

3rd & 4th May
Monitoring & Evaluation for Finance officers

5th & 6th May
Monitoring & Evaluation for Project officers

11th & 12th May
Report Writing skills

Workshop on Advance MS PowerPoint 8th & 9th March 2011

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

Comments from the participants

Training is very useful and the trainer is excellent and has good teaching skills .

-Jeyan Abeywickrama-UNFPA

Excellent training

-K Andrew- Alliance Development Trust

Useful and well structured

- Gamini Wanasekara- UNFPA

Financial Management for NGO Fin/officers



A very successful & practical workshop was held on 23rd & 24th March 2011. 25 participants from ZOA, FSD, ASB, AECOM international (USAID founded project), IFRC, Danish Demining group, Lexsys, UMCOR and WUSC participated in this workshop. Due to higher demand a special training on 7th & 8th April is rescheduled.



Comments from the participants

Trainer covered the needed areas . The training is very useful and applicable in my work. **Lilani Antonypillai- WUSC**

Training was excellent and wuseful. The trainer was friendly and knowledgeable. This training will help me in my future activities and to avoid misunderstanding between my colleagues.

J A Arnold Jeyanthan-ZOA

Very useful & eye opening information. It will help to be conscious of financial Management techniques.

Rajeeva Gunasekera- Consultant

This interesting training programme went on really well . It improved my knowledge in FM in NGO. The Group worksis really good. Please continue this type of programme. **Lathika Nanayakkara-ASB**

Well organized & valuable training. Got practical knowledge on budgeting and the knowledge gain can be applied to office work.

Reshani Madhushika-IFRC



For more information about our Trainings

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Psychosocial Initiatives

Psychosocial Forum

CHA General PS Forum was conducted on 25th March 2011 with participation of 17 numbers from Survivors Associated; SHADE; FRCSL; Ministry of Social Services; VSO; HELVETAS; Shamabhmani, Janawaboda Kendraya, UNFPA and CARITAS. The meeting was chaired by Director FRC.

Presentation were as follows

- * **“Information on the counselors involvement for North East humanitarian IDP work”**
-by Co-ordinator Ministry of Social services
- * **“Understanding the development of professional counselors”**
- by VSO Volunteers (Occupational Therapists)
- * **District Updates-By PS officer –CHA**

A Guideline for Parents and Teacher



This successful workshop on the 11th March facilitated by Dr Buddhprabha Pathirana-Senior Lecturer in Psychology University of Peradeniya. 17 participants from Plan Sri Lanka; Friends Kinderhilth International; SOS Children’s Village,

SHADE, The Ceylon Moor Ladies Union, Almaz Islamic Nursery School, Home for Girls were present. The workshop addresses strategies to prevent and minimize bullying; Positive discipline by Age; Effective discipline strategies; How to prevent challenging behaviors and punishments .At the evaluation all the participants request to have more workshops focus on Child Psychology and all have appreciated the workshop positively.

Capacity Building in District



- * Organized a programme on counseling for female police officers in Galle police bureau on 05th April 2011
- * Organized a counseling program for SOS children village.
- * A Group Counseling Program on “Mental Health Development, Spiritual Development, and Relaxation” was held on 15th March 2011. Programme was organized by the Women Development Office Hambantota and facilitated by the CHA. Main objectives were to provide guidance on issues related to psychosocial problems of families .

District initiatives

District General Forum

Gall- 23rd March 2011 at CARITAS SED Galle and Chaired by CARITAS. 09 members participated in this meeting

Hambanthota –Held on 30th March 2011

Mannar- was held on 24th March 2011 with 15 participants

Vauniya-meeting was conducted on the 1st of March 2011 at the Mental Health Unit – Vavuniya chaired by Dr.Suthagaran - SMO/Mental health Unit

Anuradhapura- conducted on 24th march 2011 at FRC Office Anuradhapura

Mental Health Development for CSO’s

A decision is taken by the RDHS to appoint 40 community supporting officers for Northern Province to work with the community through the REMIND project (Reconciliation through Mental Health Integration in Northern Districts) by Ministry of Health with the support of World Vision.

Under this project, a 5 days training program on mental health development for the appointed CSOs , Northern province have been organized by the mental health unit of RDHS office, Jaffna. This program is coordinated by PSF coordinator and the resources are obtained from PSF network. Technical guidance is being provided by the members of college of psychiatrists.

For more details on projects :

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