

# Information Update

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PEOPLE  
ASSISTED  
BY  
MEDICAL  
OUT REACH  
CLINICS**

### BOOKS FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION

Academy of Design is one of South Asia's Pioneering design educators offering undergraduate education in Fashion Design under Northumbria University, School of Design -UK, strengthens their mission to provide globally. The Librarian requested books of areas on Disability, Resettlement and War. CHA coordinated with Centre for poverty analysis, Centre of Policy Alternatives, Social Scientists Association, ILO, DMC and collected 150 publications. Books were handed over to the librarian at CHA.



### MICRO CREDIT RECIPIENTS IMPROVE THEIR LIVELIHOOD IN JAFFNA

Monitoring visit to Sriuppiddy to meet members granted the ZONTA loan (Kalaioli club members) to recover covered third installment payment. Two new beneficiaries received loans to start the goat rearing.



### CHA ASSISTED A CHILD IN NEED OF A WHEELCHAIR

CHA assisted a differently abled child in Jaffna by providing a wheelchair at department of Education Jaffna with the support of CCYE and Lions Club.

### Sphere 2011 - Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standard in Disaster Response

As a Sphere focal organization in Sri Lanka, after the launch of Sinhala and Tamil versions, CHA had discussions with few partners to promote Sphere standards in key areas. Main objectives of the processes are,

- Promote the reference of Sphere handbook across government, humanitarian and private sectors when responding to emergencies and disasters.
- Promote the application of Humanitarian Charter and Sphere Minimum Standards in humanitarian response.

- Enable institutions including media to be aware of Sphere Handbook and its essentials for reference and implementation.

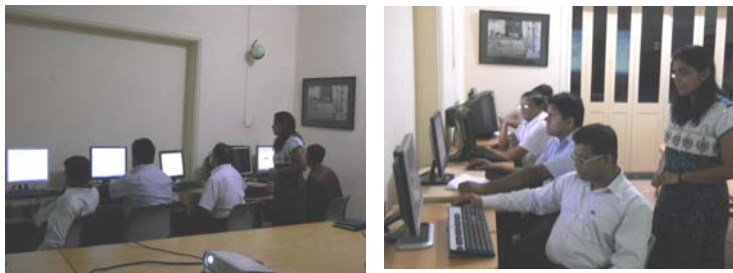
Training will commence from April 2012 by qualified trainers on Introduction of Sphere. First phase of training is scheduled to be held in Colombo, Jaffna, Killinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya

## PRESENTATION WITH POWERPOINT (ADVANCE TRAINING ON MICROSOFT POWERPOINT)



Participants were from, Zion Fountain Café and SOS children Village who were able to gain knowledge on presentation skills and technical knowledge on preparing the PowerPoint presentation.

## TRAINING ON ADVANCE EXCEL



This workshop was designed to help professionals who require developing high quality, complex reports in a short time period.

Comments-

- ✘ Very clearly explained by the instructor. I will definitely recommend to others. – Ivine Balasooriya- British High commission.
- ✘ It improved my knowledge and definitely helps me to carry out my day to day work more efficiently -Chrisantha Perera, SOS children's village

## PSYCHOSOCIAL GENERAL ACTIVITIES:

- CHA Clinic: The Psychological clinic has had 7 sessions so far.
- Development of a referral services data base including the corporate sector and mental health services in Sri Lanka.
- Coordinating with NCPA to support establishment of a Lifeline Centre in the Jaffna district.
- Media collaborations for promotion of PS activities: PS unit is working on a fund raiser through a Musical Show

## WORLD VISION LANKA/ CHA WORKSHOP ON "INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION "



A workshop on was held on Introduction to Humanitarian Protection, initiated by World Vision Lanka. CHA was involved in co-ordinating the partners for this workshop. 22 participants from ADRA, Alliance Development Trust, Ampara-NGO Consortium, Caring Hand, Center for Child Development, CHA, ChildFund Sri Lanka, Habitat for Humanity Sri Lanka, Inst. Of Nursery Studies and Gender Development, Malterser International, People welfare organization, Plan Sri Lanka Secretary for Muslim, Sightsavers, FSD, Secretariat for Muslim, The Open university of Colombo, Vaddukoddai Development Foundation and VAROD participated in this workshop.

## PSYCHOSOCIAL WORKSHOPS:



A training session was held for 8 students from NISD who have volunteered to provide free services at our clinic.

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Games and play for child development – a workshop was held by Ms. Bianca Abeygunawardene, on how games and play help enhance

child development.



Counseling skills workshop – By Nivendra Uduman (from Samutthana) for the NISD students and CHA interns.

## PSYCHOSOCIAL FORUM:



10 members participated. Ms. Rani Samuel, from Helvetas chaired the meeting. PS coordinator updated them with our district updates, followed by Dr. Sriyani Rekha, from Sahanaya, giving a presentation on “The rehabilitation process for the mentally ill”.

## REGIONAL INITIATIVES - DISTRICT UPDATES:

**Trincomalee** -Family Rehabilitation Centre (FRC) is taking lead role in coordinating the District PSF.

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**Batticaloa** - No meeting was conducted as planned. Instead, discussed psychosocial issues at different meetings, such as Kachcheri and UNICEF. Issues identified: There is a significant increase in the suicide rate in the district.

Needs: A research study to be done (UNICEF is taking lead role to do the reach) Support needed: Volunteer support needed to do research or advice.

## RECONCILIATION IN SRI LANKA : PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES AND PROCESSES WITHIN CIVIL SOCIETY, SESSION AT ROOM XVI PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

Presentation on Reflections on Reconciliation within civil society- Jeevan Thiagarajah

Good afternoon ladies and gentleman.

We speak at a time when doubts have been raised on our commitment and capacity to heal, reconcile and develop as a Nation free of war. Wars and peace are not unique to only SL. These are tides seen over centuries across the globe.

I am guided in some measure by the work of senior colleagues at the Marga Institute, a reputed institution engaged in policy and development studies. We have consistently searched to end our wars and prevent new ones. Our quest has been ceaseless and we have reached out to all parties. The search Ladies and Gentlemen is very much alive.

In this process we have sought collective acknowledgement of guilt and contrition for the sufferings that we have caused each other, an inclusive process of governance and a democratic polity which empowers all citizens and addresses the grievances of minorities and vulnerable groups and a fundamental readjustment of attitudes on the part of all parties that would promote mutual trust and understanding .

We can understand the concern of our friends that the final outcome should be satisfactory for all Sri Lankans, insofar as this is possible where losses occurred. We owe it to ourselves, as well as to those who wish to learn from us, to deal successfully with the grievances that gave rise to terrorism, and those that arose from both terrorist and counter-terrorist measures. We believe that that death should be looked into and not swept under the carpet, even if prosecution and disciplinary action do not result.

We have sought a moral foundation to the whole process of truth, accountability and reconciliation which can be profoundly healing and bring the ethnic and religious communities in our country together in a shared Sri Lankan identity in which we are all empowered as equal citizens .

I would now present to you a few ideas on which several contributed.

- a. Those within civil society who have the respect and confidence of leaders of political parties can

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convene dialogues which promote multi partisan consensus on the way forward for post war Sri Lanka. The way forward needs to consider a North-South dialogue which looks at affirmative action as restitution for those who were affected by the conflict, means to generate the extra capital needed for such investments and a vision which not only brings areas and people back up to the threshold which provides opportunity as fellow citizens but also creates the necessary synergy for North, East and South to enter into a win win relationship;

- b. Developing tomorrows skills requires equalizing opportunities in the market place, access to lower cost finances, affirmative action away from privilege, exploitation, marginalization or deprivation which prevents the nurturing of an underclass among those previously affected;
- c. Support in providing skills and educational qualifications to armed force personnel and ex-combatants for transition into civilian life; Engaging the private sector in providing opportunities and optimizing skills of armed force personnel and ex-combatants; A systematic healing process for affected armed force personnel and ex-combatants;
- d. Help-while-on-Holiday Scheme: Developing a programme with other concerned Sri Lankan professionals to persuade overseas Sri Lankans to help their motherland on a voluntary basis – when on holiday visiting family and friends;
- e. The Diaspora given space to contribute to the local reconciliation and development efforts. It calls for a proactive diplomatic initiative with the international community, especially those countries that host these diaspora groups;
- f. Finally we need the assistance of our faiths to host inter faith congregations of the affected, families host the 'other' when engaged in traditional rituals associated with death and a recognition if possible by ritual for the unknown among the dead.

Ladies and Gentleman, we as you may realize are not disempowered. We as citizens are concerned, engaged and active in seeking answers for a better tomorrow.

Thank you.

## CHA WEB

Updated News & events – 15 updates

Web hits analyzer is plugged-in with all CHA website.



## SPHERE IN ACTION –SRILANKA

Consortium of humanitarian agencies moderates a Google group named Sphere In Action Google group which is dedicated to dissemination of updates and information on emergency and coordination related issues in Sri Lanka.

Users may register to receive updates on emergencies, trainings, workshops and other programs. Support for promoting quality and accountability standards for Improve Disaster Response in srilanka via web base Google groups and blog to collate, analyze, document, and disseminate good quality and timely information that is essential to the humanitarian sectors ,Government staff, CBO and commercial sectors ;

<http://sphereinaction.blogspot.com/>

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Training programme for children from School for Deaf, Ratmalana with 3 sessions for 12 students with PowerPoint for two sessions and a focus on their creativity and creating diagrams. Excel at the last session focused on calculations with functions. At the end of each session they do some brainstorming lessons using Azim Premji content and computer games.

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

### JAFFNA

#### MEETINGS ATTENDED

International Women day, Div.Secy. Of- fice, Kopay,Social Development Fund,Discussion on violence against Women



#### FREE TUTION – EVENING CLASS

There are 40 students studying with two teachers. We are in need of additional desks and chairs.



#### FREE LEGAL SERVICES

20 clients received Free Legal advice and assistances

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

### HAMBANTOTA

#### YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH COMMUNITY LEADERS



With the objective of build youth mobilizing network among all GN divisions in Ambalantota DS division 60 youth leaders representing 55 GN divisions in Ambalantota

divisional secretariat division , were selected as an initial step for a youth exchange program. The network decided to undertake field visits to identify community issues in GN divisions.

#### HOME GARDENING TRAINING PROGRAM



CHA Hambantota District office & DFCDf conducted one day awareness & motivation program on Home gardening for several community leaders in Ambalantota DS division.

#### CHA / DRC TRILINGUAL PROGRAM FOR RURAL COMMUNITY

The objective is to improve knowledge on Trilingualism for children & elders in rural areas, as an initial program. There were about 25 children & elders who attended this occasion.

#### DRC INFORMATION UNIT WITH UPDATED INFORMATION



- Referred 04 un-employed youth to employments opportunities through the DRC.
- Provided Hambantota District NGO / INGOs contact details

for no of 05 clients.

- Provided Hambantota District information on Geographical, Administration & Sacred places to 16 school students

### MATARA

#### COORDINATION FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

- Trade fair and exhibition of CPN members at Mulatiyana self development foundation premises parallel to their 18th Anniversary. Most of the CBOs in Community protection Network had the benefit to present their beneficiaries with handmade products



- Training programme on candle making was conducted through CPN for 25 women who engage in it as a self employment opportunity as a group. Mulatiyana self development foundation is willing to release loan for purchasing material and equipment for the beneficiaries.



- Fragrance stick making programme conducted with 20 entrepreneurs in Mulatiyana through CPN.



#### SELF SEED PADDY PRODUCTION PROGRAMME

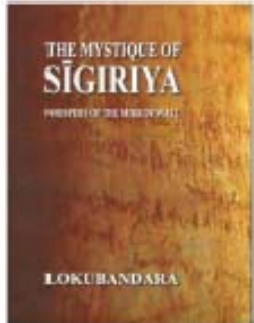
Awareness programme on good quality seed paddy production for next Yala season was conducted with farming community at Mulatiyana ,Horapavita, Makandura in Mulatiyana AGA division.

Community protection Network Meeting was conducted with the participation of 12 CBOs in Matara District.

Colombo Knowledge Centre

New acquisitions – March 2012

Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (GTE) Limited, No. 86, Rosmead Place, Colombo 07



The Mystique of SIGIRIYA

By W J M Lokubandara

Published By Godage International Publishers

Whispers of the mirror wall: It includes meanings of "Sigiri Gee" (Sigiriya Poetry) in English.



Extremism in Pakistan and India

Published by RCSS

Study is exclusively on two political parties, the Shiva Sena of India and the Jamaat-e-Islami of Pakistan with the aim of understanding the extremist political ideology adopted by them.



Start Your Tourism Business

Published By SYIB

This is a training program for who have a feasible tourism business idea and steps in starting a tourism business and helps them develop a business plan for the proposed business.



Beyond the Security Impasse: State, Development and People

Published by RCSS

This study seeks to provide a new dimension national development strategies and their impact on state-citizens for whom states adopt these strategies.



Accountability, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation

Published by MARGA Institute

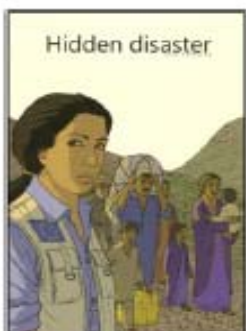
Report of a civil society seminar on the review of the report of the Secretary General's panel of experts on accountability in Sri Lanka and connected papers



India's Security Dilemma vis-à-vis China:

Published by RCSS

This study seeks to evaluate whether India has succeeded in moderating the sources of insecurity in its relationship with China to strengthen mutual trust and cooperation



Hidden Disaster

Published by European Union

Book is a wholly fictions story written to illustrate how the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department responds to crises, from a human interest angle.



Democracy as a Conflict-Resolution Model for Terrorism:

Published by RCSS

This book examines whether the country's secular democratic tradition has actually helped diminish or further contributed to creation of terrorist groups.

COMMENTS OF CHA INFORMATION UPDATE

**Prof. Sam Samarasinghe** Thanks for the news update. Very well done. Congratulations. I also noticed that the CHA is doing an excellent job of diversifying its work portfolio in the post war context. I would have liked to hear more of what transpired at the "Role of the Armed Forces" seminar. It is a VERY important subject that needs broad public discussion.



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