

INFORMATION UPDATE

CONSORTIUM OF HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES

Meeting on Partnering to Eradicate Poverty – Divi Neguma

Following our discussion on “Partnering to Eradicate Poverty” held in April a meeting with the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development was held in May at Ministry of Economic Development for a briefing on the workings of the Divi Neguma Programme.

Mr. Shantha Bandara, Additional Secretary - Livelihood development, Mr. Jayathilaka Herath, Director – Divineguma programme, few senior ministry officials, Heads and representatives from I/NGOs were among participants. Participants were given an introduction on Divi Neguma and requested to send suggestion to improve the programme. CHA will compile a common proposal with other likeminded organizations and send to the Ministry

COORDINATION FACILITATION AND NETWORKING



Translating, designing and printing of INEE Minimum Standards Reference Tool

CHA partnership with Save the Children and translated, designed and published INEE Minimum Standards Reference Tool to accompany and complement the INEE Minimum Standards Handbook.



Promoting professional standards in Eastern Province



Awareness training on Sphere Handbook 2011 edition was conducted at SLRC office in Batticaloa. Following an introduction to the Sphere handbook a case study was done for them to familiarize the structure of the book and the minimum standards under each sector. Sphere handbooks were issued to all participants to further increase the knowledge on the standards and help them to overcome challenges through the guidance notes. Participants were from SLRC and CORD Sri Lanka. This half a day session was carried out as a part of the Sphere promotion activities in the Eastern Province.

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Project Execution-Overcoming obstacles to complete projects ahead or on schedule

This workshop was facilitated by Gerard D. Muttukumaru who is a renowned international trainer on project execution and change management. 29 participants from DEAF Link, Karuna Nilayam-Church of Ceylon, Young Men's Christian Association, Karuna Nilayam-Church of Ceylon, Professional Psychological Counselling Centre, Navajeevana Rehabilitation-Tangalle, CBM, The Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka, Hope for Children Sri Lanka, Serve, Methodist Church Sri Lanka - Department of Social Responsibility, Terre des homes (TDH), Practical Action and SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka took part at this workshop. This workshop helped the participants to analyse the short comings in their projects & organization and to come up with suggestions for improvement as a team.



During the workshop

COORDINATION FACILITATION AND NETWORKING

Standing committee on Children

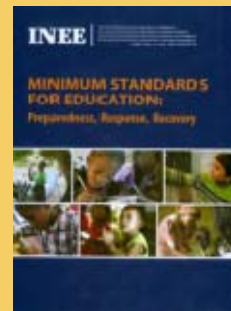


During the workshop

A Standing committee on children was formed jointly with Save the children, World Vision Lanka, Don Bosco, Unicef, IHR, ESCAPE, Hope for Children, Serve, NCCSL and CHA. This committee will be focusing on working on advocacy, representation and direct action issues related to children .

The 1st meeting was held at CHA. It was decided to invite like-minded agencies, corporates and individuals to be part of this group. A small group was formed to collate the organizations priorities on children. Submissions by those participating were compiled into prioritized action by small group of volunteers from participating agencies. The Committee will meet monthly.

New Acquisitions – May 2013

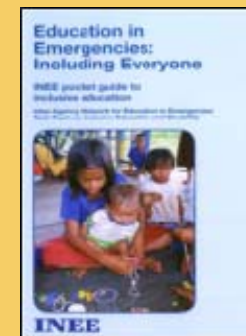


Minimum Standards for Education: Preparedness, Response, Recovery

Published by Inter Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)

The book expresses a commitment that all individuals – children, youth and adult –

have a right to education. The standards articulate the minimum level of educational quality and access in emergencies through the recovery. They can be used as a capacity-building and training tool for humanitarian agencies, governments and local populations to enhance the effectiveness and quality of their educational assistance.

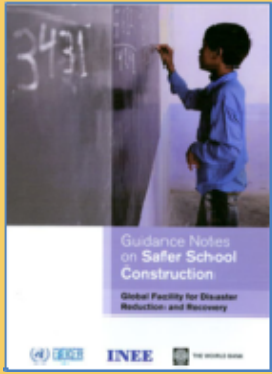


Education in Emergencies: Including Everyone, INEE pocket guide to inclusive education

Published by Inter Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)

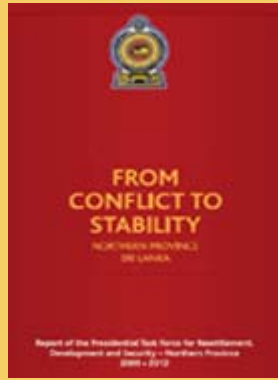
This guide is aimed at anyone working to provide, manage or support education services in emergencies and complements the INEE Minimum standards for Education in Emergencies, Chronic Crises and Early Reconstruction.

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Guidance Notes on Safer School Construction

Published by Inter Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE). They provide a framework of guiding principles and general steps to develop a context-specific plan to address a critical gap to reaching the Education for All and Millennium Development Goals (MDG) through the disaster resilient construction and retrofitting of school buildings.



FROM CONFLICT TO STABILITY – NORTHERN PROVINCE, SRI LANKA

Published by Presidential Task Force

Progress report of PTF for Resettlement, Development and Security – Northern Province, 2009-2012.

The island-wide mapping initiative of Psychosocial Organizations.

CHA has initiated a project to develop the first national Directory of Psychosocial Organizations working in all 25 districts in Sri Lanka. This project is supported by the Asia Foundation.

During the month of May CHA was in the process of finalizing the tool and initiating data collection. We then had a district coordinators meeting with the intention of introducing the tool to all coordinators who will support us with the collection of data in their respective districts. The IT department is in the process of developing the structure of the database to which the data collected would be entered and displayed on the web as another source of publication. The soft and the hard copies of the tool have been given to all screened psychosocial organizations with a guide line which would help them complete the tool. We are now in the process of retrieving the questionnaires and following up with these organizations.



During the meeting



Note: Organizations providing psychosocial interventions are invited to list details in the directory by contacting CHA on psfcoord@cha.lk / Tel: 4626100

Workshop on Understanding flashback memories – PTSD



During the workshop



The PTSD workshop conducted by Dr. Belinda Graham took place at CHA. This workshop included theories behind what leads to ongoing, distressing flashbacks after trauma, as well as accessible ways of explaining this to people experiencing them. It also covered practical tips for helping people to cope with flashbacks that could be useful in a therapeutic context. This was suitable for people with a range of backgrounds who are interested in mental health and psychological approaches.

The participants included university students, CHA forum members and other individuals from within the organization. The workshop lasted for three hours.

Dr Belinda Graham is a Clinical Psychologist who trained at University College London and is supporting Samutthana (Kings College London Resource Centre for Trauma, Displacement



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and Mental Health) in Sri Lanka in April and May 2013. She has completed a specialist placement at the Institute of Psycho-trauma, East London, where she worked with survivors of torture, abuse and other traumatic experiences. Her research has considered how Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) affects memory – including intrusive flashbacks and other autobiographical memory disturbances. In August she will begin a post-doctoral clinical research fellowship on interventions for PTSD at University of Washington, Seattle USA.

She was able to share her experiences and knowledge with us through this workshop.

Details of Activities conducted by the Psychosocial Forum – Mannar, April - May, 2013.

Description	Month / Date	To Whom	No. of. Participants.
Psychosocial Forum Meeting	23.04.2013	Members	17.
Awareness Program	16.04.2013	Students	47.
Awareness Program	06.05.2013	WRDS Members	48.
General Forum Meeting	16.05.2013	Members	14.
Group Discussion	04 Discussions	WRDS Members	26.



General Forum Meeting



A.P. for Students



Psychosocial Forum Meeting



A.P. for WRDS Members.

Identified needs and output of May - Kandawatta area

Identified needs	Responsibility person/ organization	Initiations done/ carried out this need	output
Re-engage school drop out with schools	Parents of the child/ Child rights and promotion officer/ Child right's and women affairs police officer	Student social worker/ Parents of the child	The child is schooling again
Vocational training for young two school drop outs	Parents of the child/ Child rights and promotion officer/ Child right's and women affairs police officer/ Skill development and youth affairs officer	Student Social Worker/ Skill development and youth affairs Officer	Both young sters are now engaging with vocational trainings of Beauty culture and mechanics
Need of extra education class for backward three children from same family	Parents of the child/ school teacher	Student Social Worker/ Rev.sister and volunteer teachers	Now the three children are attending free tuition classes.
Need of conducting an awareness program on sex and reproductive health for teenagers in the area	Child right and promotion officer/ MOH	Student Social Worker/ Volunteer expertise	Ongoing process

- Participated Women's Association
- Conducted monthly meeting of the child club

Psychosocial community projects May 2013



During the session

Skill development youth programs for slum communities in the Gampaha district

During the month of May ., the NISD interns conducted the following activities with the view of initiating humanitarian programmes with the urban slum communities in the areas of Kandawatta and Ala-Bamma in the district of Gampaha.

The community has been selected in Kandawatta and Bodhirajaramawatha "Ala-bamma" areas which are located in Kandana and Ja-ela respectively. Since the initiation of

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the of the community project initiated by the NISD-CHA intern social work students , they were able to build a good rapport with the community through frequent home visits and collective community gatherings and was able to identify available government service system and services offered through the humanitarian agencies in the Kandawatta and Ala-

Bamma areas. The community project identified psychosocial needs of the community through a survey done for a period of 1 month.

As a specific objective, the community project has focused on enhancing children's educational performance and mobilizing youth for youth development programmes. Children between six years to eighteen years were planned to be included in a series of children focused educational and youth development programmes that are planned to be conducted with the support of the Government officers and social work students.

During the month of May the following initiatives were made through the community project of the CHA –NISD interns

Form a group of youth leaders and youth within the community to discuss issues of youth, needs for trainings and vocational skill development. The social work interns

conducted a series of discussions with the youth and have identified needs and issues of youth.

As an action point to the issues explored with the youth and taking into consideration the needs of the youth, a special initiative was made to organize a series of programmes on vocational training and focused on exploring vocational skill development avenues for the youth. As a first step a programme was conducted for the youth with the support of the Skill Development Officers of the Divisional Secretariat. During the event the youth were sensitized to the different avenues in which vocational training is available for them to develop their skills and choose a consistent career path. The programme provided details about available career development opportunities for entering into technical education and the opportunities to be trained in department of technical education and training center, territory and vocational education commission (DTET), University of vocational technology (UNIVOTEC), Vocational training authority (VTA) etc.. The programme informed the youth participants as to how to obtain national vocational qualification [NVO], and ways and means of selecting a career taking into consideration the elements of the labor market.

The social work interns handed over to the skill development officers information of a list of youngsters who prefer to engage with vocational training programs

The internship facilitated by the CHA focuses on giving an opportunity for the social work students of the NISD to analyze and demonstrate the various roles used by the social worker as an advocate, a mobilizer of services to meet unmet community needs, and a mediator in helping clients to negotiate larger systems.

Note : To learn more about the internships offered by the CHA ,please contact the Psychosocial Consultant ,CHA on psconsultant@cha.lk / Tel:4626100



During the ICT Training



ICT TRAINING FOR SECOND BATCH FROM SCHOOL FOR DEAF

The second session of ICT training for second batch of students from School for Deaf, Ratmalana was commenced on 21st May 2013. Nine students attended the session and they were accompanied by a teacher. They were give an introduction to Microsoft Office and were taught the basic features of Microsoft Word. Each student was given a computer for hands-on practice.

CHA is providing these skills to the differently abled to ensure that they

are able to pursue a career. Likeminded agencies and corporates could collaborate with CHA in supporting this children to further enhance their skills, seek internships and guide them in seeking appropriate careers and livelihood.

Collaboration with ICTA



Receiving feedback from Nenasala operator



Receiving feedback from Nenasala operator



Discussion with Project Team member of Skills International



Receiving feedback from Nenasala operator



visited to Nenasalas in Suwami Nadarajanathagi Children's Center



Pre evaluation with Nenasala operators

Under the project Consultancy Services for Tamil language field support for eSociety projects implementing in north and east CHA collaborates with Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) to evaluate the progress and ensure the expected outcome of the eSociety Projects implemented in North and East. Around ten projects are being carried out by different organization in the North and East under eSociety projects. In order to evaluate the progress of these projects CHA met with the project contractors and other stakeholders and made field visits to ensure the progress.

Deploying of English e-Learning System and selected localized Open Source applications in North and East is one of the project under which the Nenasala Operators are trained on English language and Open Source applications by Skills international (Pvt) Ltd. CHA team visited Batticaloa in May 2013 and did a pre evaluation with the Nenasala Operators who participated in the training. Also visited one of the Nenasalas in Suwami Nadarajanathagi Children's Center in Chithandi, Batticaloa.

Under the project Setting up BPO Unit in Eastern Province, Batticaloa district is select for setting up

the Centre and is implemented by Computer Land (Pvt) Ltd. CHA visited the location in Batticaloa that was selected for the BPO Centre.

JAFFNA DISTRICT

NEED ASSESSMENT SURVEY AT JAFFNA DISTRICT



During the meeting



On 07.05.2013 –

The District officer, Mr.A.S.Ranjith & Mr.N.Baskaran visited to Ariyalai POOMPUHAR East "Poompuhar" .They discussed with the Grama sevaha of the village Mr.S.Thirukeetheswaran, and met the people at

Poompuhar, Ariyalai. They collected the details of the problem of the people.The people, who met us are anticipating Housing, Livelihood & Basic facilities.

On 10.05.2013 –

District officer & Mr.N.Baskaran visited to Kalmadu ,Kilinochchi and met the Divisional Officer, Agrarian Services and discussed needs.



During the session



On 14.05.2013- Mr.Ranjith & Mr.Baskaran visited Mavai Kaladdy, Tellippalai, did a needs assessment survey and met the Presidents of the RDS & WRDS and the Secretary of the Community centre.



During the meeting



On 17.05.2013 -

The District Officer and Mr.Baskaran visited Thirunagar, Karachchi, Kilinochchi for a needs assessment survey. They met the Grama seva Mr.Nesarajakumar, Thirunagar DS Division, Kilinochchi.



During the meeting



On 20.05.2013 -

Mr.Ranjith & Mr.Baskaran visited to Valalai , met the Grama Sevaha Mr.Santharoopan and discussed with the people, Samurldhi officer, President, Secretary of CBO's were present in the discussion on needs.



During the meeting

On 29.05.2013-

The District officer & Mr.Baskaran visited to Ramanathapuram, Kilinochchi.

CO-ORDINATION MEETING – MAY 2013

The topic of the the meeting was “The health of Antanetal mothers and children”. The resource person was Mr.K.Sivaganesh,MSc, Regional Epidemiologist at Regional Director of Health Services Office, Jaffna..

Books Donation

The CHA collected books for National Schools in Jaffna. Mr.Srikajendran, Psychosocial Co-ordinator, co-ordinate the work and issued the books to the following schools at



Jaffna Central College.



Jaffna Stanley College.



Jaffna Central College.



Jaffna Central College.



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Jaffna .Holy family convent, Jaffna., St.Patricks college, Jaffna, Pandaterippu Girls High school, Pandaterippu, Jaffna. Victoria college, Vaddukoddai, Jaffna , Hindu college,

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Vaddukoddai, Jaffna.

Free Legal Services at IHR, Urelu-. 52.clients were provided free legal advice and assistance

Matara District

Energy saving project



Practical session conducted for women group on health hazards affected with cooking using firewood in a traditional kitchen and aware on economically important energy saving

low cost cooking stove introduced to a community group of 25 women in Athuraliya.

Reading circle Programme



Helps 25 school children doing their home work, improving their reading skills and IT knowledge.

Model paper classes for year 5 students

CHA provide model papers for year 5 students in MR/Dampella K.V those who face the year 5 scholarship examination in 2013.Class teacher is voluntarily involved in this extra class work. Model papers are given every week and

this model paper class will be continued.CHA monitors progress by getting the marks in each students weekly.25 students benefited from this programme.

Community protection Network Meeting

CPN meeting and committee meeting was conducted with the participation of 10 CBOs in Matara District to discuss the progress of the New year CPN Plan which coordinated small scale entrepreneurs in their villages for the Aurudu Pola held in each DS division organized under the Divineguma programme.

Candle Making Programme

Before the vesak Festival on request of Sarvodaya community group in Kekunawela CHA conducted the practical programme on candle making.CHA provides the mould for them to make candle after the training programme. A few of them are willing to continue this as a small business

Nutritional programme

Glass of Herbal drink was given to Pregnant mothers in Dampella MOH Clinic. As the people going to the Clinic early in the morning do not have chance to have their breakfast at home. This programme is appreciated by the Health staff in MOH office.

The programme is conducted every 2nd Tuesday.

MAY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Type	Subject	Venue
2-May	Meeting	Meeting with Bureau of The Commissioner General Of Rehabilitation	CHA - Colombo
7-May	Meeting	Meeting with community at Ariyalai POOMPUHAR	Jaffna
9-May	Meeting	PSF District Coordinators meeting	CHA - Colombo
10-May	Meeting	Meeting with community at Kalmadu	Killinochchi
11-May	Training	Human Rights Diploma Course	CHA - Colombo
14-May	Meeting	Standing committee meeting on Children	CHA - Colombo
14-May	Training	Workshop on Post-traumatic stress disorder	CHA - Colombo
15-May	Meeting	Meeting with community at Mavai Kaladdy, Tellippalai	Jaffna
16-May	Meeting	District Coordination Meeting	Mannar
17-May	Meeting	Meeting with community at Thirunagar, Karachchi	Killinochchi
18-May	Meeting	District Coordination Meeting	Trincomalee
20-May	Meeting	Meeting with community at Valalai	Jaffna
21-May	Meeting	Small Group Meeting (Children)	CHA - Colombo
21-May	Training	IT Training for students at deaf and blind school, Rathmalana	CHA - Colombo
22-May	Meeting	Meeting on Divi Neguma	Ministry of Economic Development
29-May	Meeting	Meeting with community at Ramanathapuram	Killinochchi
31-May	Meeting	District Coordination Meeting	Jaffna



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