

# INFORMATION

# Update



## Sphere Focal Point Forum in Asia



Participants highlighted the challenges of the Sphere Focal Point system and provided valuable input to Sphere Office Geneva to revise the existing ToR of the Sphere Focal Point mechanism.

The forum served as a platform for agencies to share their challenges and achievements in Sphere implementation while looking at possible bi-lateral and regional collaborations. The following organizations participated in this forum: Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (Sri Lanka), Disaster Forum (Bangladesh),

Church World Service-Pakistan/Afghanistan (CWS-P/A) in collaboration with Sphere Office Geneva conducted a Sphere Focal Point Forum, in Bangkok, Thailand. CHA represented as the Sphere Focal Point for Sri Lanka, represented by the Firzan Hashim, the Deputy Executive Director. The forum was convened to revive Sphere Focal Points system in Asia and assist in establishing Sphere Focal Points in countries where there are none. In view of that, the goal of the forum was to build and strengthen the Sphere Focal Point network in the region. Existing Sphere Focal Points and organizations that may potentially commit to be a Sphere focal organization in the future also participated in this forum.

### Promoting Sphere locally...



According to the promotional plan, books were disseminated island wide including Government officials, Embassies, High Commissions, Universities, Governors, District

Secretaries, ministries, chief ministers, Vice chancellors and Librarians at all Universities in Sri Lanka. There is also a request of 30 copies from the Disaster Management Centre for district coordinators.

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Activities on Disaster (Bangladesh), Norwegian Church Aid (Laos), Sphere India (India), Church World Service – Pakistan/Afghanistan (Pakistan and Sphere regional partner), and Sphere Secretariat (Geneva). Common collaborations at country and regional levels were identified as a way forward. CWS-P/A will initiate on-going information sharing among the participating agencies. More agencies are expected to join this network in the

coming months.

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Indonesian Society for Disaster Management (Indonesia), Korea NGO Council for Overseas Cooperation (South Korea), Lutheran World Relief (Philippines and USA), Nepal Christian Relief Services (Nepal), Network for Information, Response and Preparedness

## Trainings Held

- UNDP-TRP –Conflict Sensitivity District workshops in Mannar and Trincomalee



- Microsoft Excel -2007 workshops was held on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September'11 facilitated by Ms Jayanthi Somasekaram at CHA

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# Supporting the livelihood of community in the North

## Supporting female household heads through Micro Finance



CHA in collaboration with ZONTA Club of Colombo wish to empower female household heads in t need to enhance their livelihood by way of supporting to links to loan providers. The beneficiaries will given training on handling finances to empower their livelihood through self employment. Five beneficiaries were selected by a local womens society and recomended to ZONTA Club I of Colombo .

## New Quarters for Medical Officer in Mannar



CHA with financial assistance of funding Agency—AMAF completed and handed over a medical quarters building

to RDHS Mannar.

## 1371 People benifited in Medical Out reach clinics



1371 people including children and elders from resettled locations in Maruthankeni DS division and less advantaged island Allaippitty received medical consultations and free medication . There are similar mobile medical clinics operating in five locations in Jaffna district where primary medical care is essential. Patients are being identified with the need for mental health interventions in targeted locations and await additional



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support to commence mental health interventions.

## **Vocational Training for rehabilitated and war affected Youth**

CHA together with NAITA-BCGR have successfully launched the ILO funded Vocational training programme for the rehabilitated beneficiaries and war affected youth in Kilinochchi / Pooneryn and Karachchi DS divisions. Almost 246 participants have enrolled with the following training Programmes in the following locations.

*TV repairing - Thambirai*

*Computer Hardware- Jeyapuram*

*Tailoring- Nachchikuda*

*Tailoring Kilinochchi*

*Mobile Phone repairing - Kilinochchi*

*NAITA Agricultural Equipment Repairing- Skandapura*

*Welding - Kilinochchi*

*Motorbike repairing – Nachchikud*

## **New Acquisitions at CKC**

### **Books**

- **The Status of the Right to Adequate Housing in Sri Lanka**, Published by COHRE
- **Understanding Obstacle to peace**, published by IDRC
- **Strengthening Rural Livelihoods: the Impact of information and communication technologies in Asia**, Published by IDRC
- **Changing minds; A guide to facilitated participatory planning**, Published by IDRC
- **Talking Economics**, Published by Institutes of Policy Studies
- **The Muslim Heritage of Eastern Sri Lanka**, Published by Muslim Women's Research & Action Forum

### **Newsletters**

- **Kathika** , Published by World Vision
- **Human Rights Review**, Published by Institute of Human Rights

In partnership with the Government....

We are in the progress of developing a MoU with the GoSL for Agencies to work as development partners with development priorities with the government of Sri Lanka and partner with specialized agencies of the government.

## **Advocacy Initiatives**

CHA continues its work on improving conditions for women and children in homes as well as on person in correctional facilities.

# Greening of Schools in the North Western Province

Greening in Puttalam and Chilaw Education Zones commenced and is in progress in the following schools. Under the “Pivithuru Pasal Project” seven schools in Colombo are also being identified for an awareness programme

## Mundalama College

- provide medicinal plants for the nursery and forest trees for the open ground area
- monitor the previous activities of greening and conduct awareness programme for the waste management and compost preparation
- Poster distribution
- Re-planting and covering
- compost the previously planted trees

## Zainub College

- Cover the shade house
- provide medicinal plants and other forest plants for the nursery
- Conduct awareness programme on waste management and compost preparation

- poster distribution
- Plant 20 plants surrounded the school

## Lunuvila Primary School

- Set up a shade house
- provide the plants for the house
- plant 20 plants on open ground in the school

## Mulleriyawa Hospital Project (Colombo) - developing the gardening area



# Promoting wellness



## Lifeline to the general public

First Lifeline session for the general public commenced in September with the theme ‘Anger Management’. A health Psychologist Mrs. Sadhani Mendis was the resource person.

A series of sessions are already scheduled by the Psychosocial unit of CHA with resources persons being Ms

Sadhani Mendis (Health Psychologist), Dr. Jayan Mendis, Ms Bianca Abegunawardhana, Ms Visakha Thilakeratne,

## Upcoming events of the PS Unit

- The ‘Bihidora’ TNL TV programme by Dr Tissera of the Family Planning Association—28th Sept
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of the Hypnotherapy certificate programme—October
- A training programme for the Prison staff—end October

Ms Ruki Salgado, Mr. Deva Somasundaram and Mr. Saman Premalal.

## PS Regional Initiatives

Mapping of PS initiatives are ongoing in 5 districts in the north east with CHA support. A database will be updated to reflect the latest information pertaining to PS interventions in the north east districts.



# District Highlights



## MATARA

### Awareness Programmes for Southern community

An awareness programme on intensive seed paddy production was conducted in Yatiyana for the farmers on technology for self seed paddy production for the next cropping season.

Awareness programme on effective cooking stove usage and energy saving programme was conducted Mulatiyana Self development foundation members. Awareness programme on efficient cooking stove usage and energy saving programme conducted at Polhena Kantha Niwahana for 30 women. New mould for making stove was introduced at the programme. This was very important for women who are working with small enterprises and cottage industries to avoid the smoke and ash which causes health hazards. It was decided to continue this programme in other 3 centers running by WIN at Thihagoda, Malimbada and Gandara.

## HAMBANTOTA

### Training program for women on weaving mosquito nets

With the objective of generating income & uplifting living standard of rural women through livelihood trainings we conducted training program on weaving mosquito net for 35 women at Ambalantota DS division. Financial support was given by the business community at Ambalantota. Experienced trainer who represented women organization provided theoretical & practical knowledge for the participants on how to weave mosquito nets for domestic income generation. Participants were attended representing different kind of age groups such as elders, unemployed youth, school levers & small business holders



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### Providing Schooling items for poor children



District Officer donated basic schooling items for no of 30 selected poor school children at Ridiyagama, Ambalantota through CHA Hambantota district office. This program was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Several members of Youth parliament sponsored the program.

### Hambantota District "World Literacy day" program



Hambantota District "World Literacy Day program" was held at H / Therapuththa National College conference hall with about 280 participants representing Hambantota District Child Rights Advocacy Network member organizations. This program was coordinated by CHA Hambantota District office on behalf of CRAN network. Financial support was given by Save the Children through Child Rights Advocacy Network. Navajeewana, Women Development Federation, Jayaghanaya, Children Resource centre, Sewa Lanka, SLCDF & Sujaya Foundation participated. Director of Education Hambantota, Director of "Sun Ray" Institute of English Training, Chairman & members of Ambalantota Pradeshiya sabah, Hambantota Child Rights Authority office, Ambalantota DS office & Principal of Therepuththa National College participated.

## JAFFNA

### Free Legal Aid

Legal clinic is conducted every Wednesday at the CHA District Office. Already 29 cases were registered for free Legal aid.

### Northern Operational Meeting was held

Operational Meeting was taken place on 29th Sept with 36 participants. The meeting was chaired by Mr.V.Sri Sakthivel, President Mediation Board and the Resource person was Mrs.Saroja Sivachandran who delivered a speech on women's rights.

The Information Update is also available on the CHA website:

<http://www.humanitarian-srilanka.org>

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