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OF SEPTEMBER** Page 8**RECONCILIATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR PEACE****Dialogue on the LLRC Action Plan – 1st session***During the session*

The first meeting of a series to discuss the LLRC Action Plan to collate observations and invites to contribute to its implementation and or ascertain views to be for it to be practically undertaken more effectively was held at CHA. Jeevan Thiagarajah, Executive Director of CHA facilitated the discussion attended by Mr. Lalith Weeratunga, Secretary to HE the President of Sri Lanka. Minutes are at: http://www.econsortium.info/cha/Minutes_Dialogue%20on%20the%20LLRC%20Action%20Plan%2013%2009%202012.pdf

Mr. Weeratunge stated that the purpose of this consultation is for him to listen and refine activities in the recommendation of the LLRC with a spirit for best possible implementation whilst the present recommendations are not cast stones, which could be changed if substantial inputs are provided.

High commissioners, Ambassadors, heads and representatives of I/NGOs were among the participants.

South African High Commissioner stated that this consultation is a progressive step and commended the initiative and reiterated that the ownership of the implementation of the recommendation of the LLRC rests largely with

*(Continued on page 2)***PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS****Awareness on Sphere
Standards-13th September 2012**

The session on SPHERE Standards was conducted at the 'Capacity Building programme on Emergency response & coordination' workshop for District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) Mannar district. This workshop was a joint effort by UNDP and OCHA to support the Ministry of Disaster Management (MDM)

*(Continued on page 2)***NON PROFIT SERVICES****Musical show
'Turn up the Music'**

The PS Unit organized a musical show 'Turn up the Music', to support free psychological care service involving multi disciplinary team of professional clinical psychologists, counselors, medical professionals and special workers to cater to the needs of the mentally challenged and pov-

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Dialogue on the LLRC Action.. (Continued from page 1)



Forum Participants



Forum Participants

Sri Lankan people and its civil society. With regards to supporting the effort and sharing his country's experience, he mentioned the willingness and commitment of South Africa. The Ambassador for Japan joined in expressing the support of his Government as they are doing now on the ground in promoting reconciliation. Mr. Weeratunge mentioned the

availability of translations into the two local languages (Sinhala and Tamil) which is scheduled for printing and will be available shortly. The recommendations of the LLRC have been translated and will be uploaded to a website shortly. Delay if any was the consultation process required for it to be an inclusive and acceptable document.



Workshop Participants

Awareness on Sphere (Continued from page 1)



Workshop Participants



During the workshop

and the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) to strengthen the national and local disaster management capacities of Sri Lanka. 40 participants from Divisional Secretariat, District Secretariat, DMC, Irrigation department, department of Agrarian services, Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Lanka Navy, Zonal education office, Forest department, National water supply and drainage board, Mannar-Urban council, Pradeshiya Sabha, Caritas, SLRC, Practical Action participated at this event.

This session was facilitated by S Jayanthi and M. Subramaniam. This interactive training helped the participants to understand the value of the Sphere handbook and

the usage of this book.

Comments by the participants

- ✍ It will be very helpful to take quick decision on disaster response.
- ✍ It is essential to ensure quality and transparency in response
- ✍ It is vital for other organization, government officers to know about sphere.

Musical show (Continued from page 1)



erty stricken afflicted individuals.

It was held on the 14th September 2012 at the Vihara Mahadevi Open Air Theatre from 7.30pm to 10.30 p.m.

There were 13 performances by many talented artists ranging from rock bands to reggae artists and breathtaking dance performances.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Sphere Promotion

Sphere Handbook 2011 edition along with the CD containing the soft copy in English, Sinhala and Tamil were personally handed over to Mr. J. A. Sarath Raveendra – GA Mannar on 14th September 2012. The content of the book was briefed to the GA during the hand-over.

The handbook and the CD was also handed over to Major General Gamini Hettiarachchi (Retd), Director General, Disaster Management Centre who suggested providing Sphere awareness training to rescue teams in all 25 districts.



Sphere Handbook 2011 handed over to Mr. J. A. Sarath Raveendra – GA Mannar



Major General Gamini Hettiarachchi (Retd), Director General, Disaster Management Centre Referring the Sphere Handbook

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Workshop on Introduction to Sphere Standards –27th & 28th September 2012

A two days workshop was held in Colombo on Introduction to Sphere Standards and enabled participants to become familiar with the Sphere handbook and provide knowledge on Sphere Standards to use the minimum standards in planning, delivering and monitoring humanitarian response.

25 participants from Terre des homes Foundation, ADRA, DRC, SAH, SOS children’s village, ASB, ZOA refugee council and CHA were participated at this workshop.



Workshop Participants



During the workshop



During the workshop

EQUAL RIGHTS AND CHANGE

**Preparatory dialogue on :
“ Empowerment of children and families:
Role of social policy in Sri Lanka”**



During the session



Forum Participants

Preparatory dialogue on “Empowerment of children and families: Role of social policy in Sri Lanka” was held on 27th September 2012 at Plan Sri Lanka conference room. This is one of results came from CHA CLD consultation on Human

Rights National Action Plan. Prof. Rajiva Wijesinghe – MP, Mr. Eric Illayapparachchi – Secretary to the Ministry of child Development, Representatives from Government institutes, I/NGOs, Health and Academic were among the participants. The basic approach to social policy in Sri Lanka is still influenced by the colonial legacy of Poor law. This takes 3 dominant forms in relation to children and families:

- Criminal law
 - Generalized administrative approaches minus a social work infrastructure as typified by the Departments of Probation & Child Care Services and Social Services
 - Reliance on institutionalization of all social rejects
- These 3 approaches have continued to masquerade as ‘solutions’ for the problems of children and families well into the 21st century.

Outputs :

Collecting, collating, analysing and publishing of

1. Ideas for resolving issues of institutional separation and conflicts;
2. Ideas for reducing and controlling the influence of poor law approaches to children and families;
3. Ideas for developing a Sri Lankan praxis for child and family social work.

A 2 day workshop based on outputs at 1st workshop is scheduled to be held.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND PUBLICATION SERVICES

Colombo Knowledge Centre : New Acquisitions – September 2012



National Policy Framework for Social Integration

Published by Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration

This is founded on the rights-based approach, highlighting the significance of rights and responsibilities of individuals and the duties of the state to enhance inclusion and minimize marginalization, as a means of developing local capacities and strengthening substantive freedom.



Media Policy and Law in Sri Lanka – Part I Legal, Industry and Educational Reforms

Published by Law & Society Trust

This discusses the way forward in reforms in relation to the print media from legal, industry and educational perspectives.



Media Policy and Law in Sri Lanka – Part II The Political economy of the electronic media in Sri Lanka

Published by Law &

Society Trust

The paper in this issue examines the concept of broadcasters in serving as trustees for the national interest.



South-South Collaboration in Health Biotechnology Growing Partnerships amongst Developing countries

Published by International Development Research Centre

This book disseminated results from a large scale project on health biotechnology collaboration, involving six research groups based in Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, India and Zambia led by the University of Toronto, Canada.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

JAFFNA

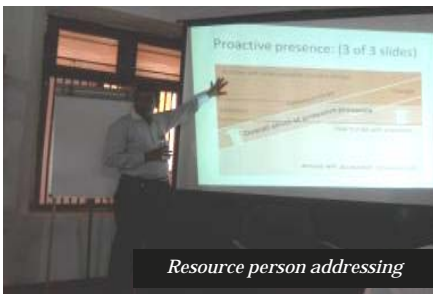
DISTRICT FORUM -28th September 2012



Jaffna DO addressing



Forum Participants



Resource person addressing

Jaffna district forum was held in the Jaffna district CHA meeting hall . More than 25 representatives from Div.Secy's Office, NGO's & CBO's and media personnel took part in the event. Mr. J. Thatparan, Project Specialist, Save the Children, Jaffna who was the guest speaker, delivered his speech on " Children wellbeing and parental attitude ". He brought the following to the attention of the participants : Child's health and hygiene, Child's locality and family background, Child's behavior, Child's educational

efforts. Child's participation in the extra curricular activities, Child's contribution to the rural development rural health, religion and to its culture.

There some other points discussed at the meeting were parents are expected to do the all for the wellbeing of the child. The rights for the protection and the right for protection from discrimination/abuse and neglect. The parents are expected to provide protection to ensure the right of expression of views, the participation in all the matters affecting the child right to information, right to freedom of speech and the organizing, joining children's organization. The parents are expected to supervise and monitor the private life of every child in order to keep them in a proper way to make them for a prosperous future life.

MOBILE CLINIC SERVICES – MERCY MALASIYA

Mercy Malaysia (MM) is conducting Mobile Clinics in 4 stations at Vadamaradchchi East and station at Velanai area. During the month 1115 patients were treated in the clinics.

MM is now supporting services for people who suffer from psychosocial trauma in Vadamarachchi East area. The inau-



Resource person addressing



Forum Participants

guration meeting to form a volunteer network was held. National Child Protection Agency, HUDEC, WHC, CRAN (Child Rights Advocacy Network) are joining to co-ordinate the work with Mercy Malaysia and CHA.

AMPARA DISTRICT FORUM - 28th September 2012



During the forum



During the forum

Ampara district forum was held in the Ampara District NGO Consortium meeting hall. 17 representatives from local NGOs & government officers took part in the event. Mr. Arumugam Ashoka, Mahashakthi organization, Akkaraipattu was in the Chair

due to absence of Mr. Rajamoney.

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AMPARA DISTRICT FORUM... (Continued from page 5)

Mr. Sothinathan Puvenenthiraja, (Dip in Psychosocial), President, PDS Organization who was the guest lecturer, delivered his speech on "Use of alcohol, Social and cultural issues among youths". Main points discussed at the meeting were using of alcohol by youth & students in the district, Social and cultural issues in alcohol addiction, role of the NGOs, availability and illicit liquor problem in the area, importance of having awareness or workshop program among student has to be conducted in school level in order to reduce user of alcohol.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT COORDINATION

MEETING—28th September 2012

Batticaloa District Coordination meeting was held in Batticaloa. Representatives from local NGOs & government officers took part in the event. Mr. V. Kamaladhas was in the Chair. Mrs. Soma Supramaniam, President - Women Development Forum, Batticaloa who was the guest lecturer, delivered his speech on "GBV - A ground level view".

MATARA

Coordination Facilitation and Networking

Dried Natural flower making process was introduced to the Sahana foundation members on 04th September 2012. This flower coloring process and usage in different decorative items was introduced to the Sahana foundation members.

5 schools were identified for supporting with educational material in the district of Matara under the gifted school project. CHA will be able to support for the undeserved schools in the area. Awareness programme on efficient cooking stove usage and the health hazards caused by smoke were conducted for the community group in Kekunawela on Saturday 15th September 2012. Around 20 women aware from this programme.

Resource center activities

CHA formed a new children society for the Muslims. 3 days per week this group coming to the CHA resource center and read books and doing their home works. This is a good opportunity to them as the parents can't teach Sinhala at their homes. Further they are using the computer facilities too. About 15-20 students get the benefit.

Community protection Network

Community protection Network meeting conducted in CHA district office on 14th with the participation of 10 CBOs in the district.

HAMABANTOTA

Collaborations with the Private sector



A need assessment was conducted by CHA with Tissamaharama Seylan Bank, of a Pre School at Lunugamvehera DS division. Prioritized issues for the pre school are: Lack of the chairs

& desks, publications for the children for their studies, unfinished building & color painted walls. Play ground Seylan bank is going to support to paint walls of the building & to provide some donations for this pre school. In addition to that, some NGOs & private Insinuations are ready to support to assist for above issues to improve Pre School with our coordination.

Hambantota District Childrens Forum



CHA provided assistance to Hambantota district forum on children homes held at Hambantota district secretariat office complex under the Chaired by Additional & Assistant GA. There

were 23 participants were attended representing children homes in Hambantota & Tangalle probation divisions & NGOs such as Women Development Federation (WDF) Navajeewana & DFCD who are working on child development in district. Main points discussed at the meeting were current issues which are to be solved, resources & opportunities which can be obtained among the children homes under the supervision of GA, NCPA & Probation office.

Reading & Literacy Classes for Marginalized children



CHA provided assistance to Children club at Hambantota Siribopura housing scheme for Reading and Literacy Classes. Around 25 children attended this event under this pro-

gram, to promote reading a resource center

PAST EVENTS— MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2012

Date	Title	Venue	District
3-Sep-2012	Meeting on North South Dialogue	Virakesari Office	Colombo
7-Sep-2012	Meeting to share views-7th September 2012	CHA	Colombo
11-Sep-2012	Co-ordination meeting with CBO's	Karachchi Divisional Sect's Office	Killinochchi
13-Sep-2012	Awareness on Sphere Standards	Habarana village	Habarana
13-Sep-2012	Dialogue on LLRC Action Plan	CHA	Colombo
14-Sep-2012	Musical show 'Turn up the Music',	Vihara Mahadevi Open Air Theatre	Colombo
14-Sep-2012	Preparatory meeting on Workshop on Social Policy	CHA	Colombo
17-Sep-2012	Meeting with All Island Social development Society	CHA	Colombo
20-Sep-2012	Preparatory meeting on Workshop on Social Policy	CHA	Colombo
27-Sep-2012	Preparatory dialogue on Workshop EMPOWERMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: ROLE OF SOCIAL POLICY IN SRI LANKA	Plan Sri Lanka	Colombo
27 & 28 Sep 2012	Workshop on Introduction to Sphere	Global Towers Hotel	Colombo
28-Sep-2012	District Coordination Meeting - Ampara	NGO Consortium meeting Hall	Ampara
28-Sep-2012	District Coordination Meeting - Batticaloa	STA Solidarity Meeting Hall	Batticaloa
28-Sep-2012	District Coordination Meeting - Jaffna	CHA Jaffna office	Jaffna

Upcoming Workshops

Date	Subject	Venue
16 th & 17 th October 2012	Mitigating conflicts in workplace	Hotel Renuka, Colombo-03
18 th & 19 th October 2012	Power Presentation with PowerPoint (Advance training on PowerPoint)	CHA, Colombo- 07
23 rd -25 th October 2012	Advance Excel training	CHA, Colombo- 07

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