

Information Update

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Promotion of professional standards amongst care givers

NVQ in Social care for staff servicing special needs of elders, differently abled and mentally challenged



The Care and Counselling committee of TVEC of which CHA was chair finalized the NVQ 3 Introduction to Care and Counselling 3 months course with 6 modules adopted by TVEC. This course introduces students to basic concepts in the different areas in which social support is needed and provides understanding of how care and counselling services operate. It will also hone communication skills and develop empathy which will facilitate gaining the confidence of

The Centre for Humanitarian Affairs and the Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies is pleased to present activities undertaken in the month of August

and counselling are required. They will acquire knowledge of the services available, and how they are most

readily accessed.

Since the Ministry of Social Services has close on 26,000 employees in providing services CHA suggested

- we design a handbook which follows the TVEC NVQ 3 guidelines on Introduction to Care and Counselling to standardize required sensitivity across all care services by the Ministry;
- structure a ToT for a pool from the Ministry covering all Provinces;
- relevant accreditation to deliver the ToT and training by the Trainers.
- prioritise service arms to sequence and deliver programmes.

NVQ standards for Police handling social care.

The Police are first responders when citizens are in grief following accidents, disasters and even death when a JMO intervention required. In domestic disputes they are called to entertain complaints. The Personnel at the Women and Children's Desk are challenged when dealing emotional



issues of Children and women. Police also engage in community Policing bringing them in contact with citizens, families and householders, the elderly, destitute and poor where empathy is at times required. Police on duty in

Courts need care skills.

We have proposed to Minister Sagala Ratnayake to consider a a ToT group constituted within the Police for phased delivery of the NVQ 3 in "Introduction to Care and Counselling" undertaken with relevant personnel obtaining the qualification upon completion since it would automatically enhance their capacity in deliverance of services.

Empowering people through 3 E's (refers to Education, employment and entrepreneurship)

Our request in June to Government Agents of Jaffna and Batticaloa was based on guidelines given by the Senior advisor to the Hon Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare. We had followed with suggestions :

→ Convene Executive level representation from- National Enterprise Development Authority, Women development Officers, Disability Secretariat, Samurdhi Authority, Skills development officers etc and collate human resources available amongst the pool of agencies; → Forge consensus on categorization of vulnerability including skilled/ unskilled poor, women heading families, women returning to work including part time, men and women with home based SME potential lacking business knowledge; → Forge consensus on value chain from identification of potential beneficiaries, skills development and SME business development including



Meeting with Divisional Secretary Kiran, Batticaloa.

inputs, markets etc., potential inter district connectivity, accounting services, shareholding and profit share options, aligning proposals with Samurdhi lending streams; → Determine prioritized segments of interventions in Districts and system making available officers to support beneficiaries; → Introduce education programmes including adult education, distance learning for entrepreneur development and

invite participation of likeminded commercial sector entities and call for interest from University faculties, cooperate entities with human resources and facilities to host beneficiaries; → Determine methods for beneficiary feedback, monitoring and evaluations; → Burden share in the development of the coordinated approach

Volunteerism

Re launching HALO, planned to work on the following four components-

Getaway Escapades – Outbound sessions, Sib hood, Open Source volunteerism – open source platforms for youth to volunteer, Skill movements.

Workshop for volunteer skill development – Topics and resource



personnel's have been identified for WS. Dates to be scheduled;

Discussion held with the Director

of the Volunteer secretariat based on our action plan, they are keen in combining with us in term of regional hubs, awareness programme to promote volunteerism in the island and in organizing the Volunteer recognition events/ awards.

We are designing educational content through volunteers for people with disabilities.

Women.Ik

The platform supports women in the country to be economically active working with industry experts Each partner will lead and support in key thrust areas of focus.

Programme focusing on Senior Citizens

This initiative focusing on supporting senior citizens in Sri Lanka is looking at the following areas: Produce material and hold programs to understand dementia and early detection; Promote-concept of Montessori for dementia for those afflicted developed at Monash University, active aging through brochures, web sites and programs at the community level in partnership with regional health officers and the Elders Secretariat staff in the districts, greater community awareness and support groups amongst senior citizens to improve their health and provide



No Elderly

...should waste their final years sitting around at home. Dear elderly go out and have fun! Stay active and you'll be just...

Fine

support to families, greater awareness and access to NVQ certification for caregivers, hold training programs

and obtain certification through TVEC for caregiver enabling skilled labor migrant in the field of gerontology; Development of teaching material and holding training programs for service providers such as Elders Secretariat staff, district based development officers, care givers in Elders homes and staff of agencies who provide caregivers for the senior Citizens.

CHA is currently in discussion with key individuals and institutions in working towards greater care for elders in Sri Lanka.

Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission - Sri Lanka (TVEC) CHA has initiated a partnership with TVEC and will hold NVQ3 level introductory course in Care and counseling.

Modules

- Communication Skills in counselling
- Current social problems in SL
- Ethical and Professional responsibilities of carers and counsellors

- Different recipients of care and the skills needed to support them
- Basic child care
- Introduction to Social care.

Details of course commencement will be available shortly.

Reducing vulnerabilities in Kayts Island

Supporting women headed households

The National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) on the invitation of CHA is supporting 20 women heads of households with awareness, training and technical know how to

produce Low salt vacuum packed dry fish packets. NEDA will also provide packing machines.

De Silting 43 ponds

Kayts suffers from acute water shortages. On a request made to the Ministry of Defence the Sri Lanka

Navy is examining the options and methods to de silt the 43 ponds to enhance water holding capacity and drainage into the water table at Kayts Island, thereby enhancing fresh water storage above the salt water table. The GA Jaffna is supporting the effort.

Future Labour markets

CHA has researched future labour markets in over 12 destination countries, identified sectors of employment available and focussed

on entry requirements for care givers. We are currently engaging several stakeholders with a view to making available opportunities

for our caregivers to ultimately find employment.

Biodiversity, Ecosystems and climate change in Sri Lanka



CHA is a very strong advocate on environmental issues having worked extensively across the country in the past. We have now initiated communication with the Office of the President and allied agencies for a whole of Government approach providing a concept .

TABLE 1: Ecosystem diversity in Sri Lanka with provisional extents of ecosystem types

Ecosystems	Provisional extent (ha)
Forest and related ecosystems	
• tropical wet lowland evergreen forest (includes lowland and mid elevation rain forests) ¹	124,340.8
• tropical sub-montane forest ¹	65,792.3
• tropical montane forest ¹	3,099.5
• tropical moist monsoon forest ¹	221,977.0
• tropical dry monsoon (mixed evergreen) forest ¹	1,027,544.1
• tropical thorn forest	NA
• riverine dry forest ¹	18,352.1
• grasslands (wet pathana, dry pathana, savannah, etc) ¹⁷	>75,000.0
Inland wetland ecosystems	
• flood plains	NA
• swamps	NA
• lentic waters (tanks/reservoirs and ponds) ¹⁷	169,941
• river basins ¹⁸	5,924,500
• wet villu grasslands ¹⁹	12,500
Coastal and marine ecosystems	
• mangroves ⁴	6,080
• salt marshes ⁴	23,819
• sand dunes and beaches ²⁰	19,394
• mud flats ²⁰	9,754
• sea grass beds	NA
• lagoons and estuaries ⁴	129,075
• coral reefs ²¹	68,000
Agricultural ecosystems	
• paddy lands ⁶	977,561
• fruit cultivations ⁸	85,066
• small crop holdings or other field crops (pulses, sesame etc) ⁸	130,297
• vegetables (including, root and tuber crops) ⁸	85, 663
• crop plantations (major export crops) ⁸	716,320
• minor export crops ¹¹	119,862
• home gardens (cultivated) ¹¹	76,483.2
• chena lands (slash and burn cultivation)	NA

Sources: CCD (2006)¹; MENR, 2009¹⁷; Manchanayake and Madduma Bandara (1999)¹⁸; IUCN and CEA (2006)¹⁹; MOENR (2003)²⁰; Rajasuriya, (2007)²¹; Forest Department unpublished data for 1999⁴; Department of Agriculture unpublished data provided for this report⁶; Composite of data from Central Bank, Sri Lanka, (2010)⁸; Data from the Department of Census and Statistics (2010).¹¹

Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction

One workshops was carried out in Trincomalee District on Plant Nursery Preparation.



A-PAD SL –A-PAD SL distributed education kits (shoes and stationery) for 129 children from 5 pre-schools in Kollonnawa with the aim of benefitting the kids who had lost their stationery and other educational equipment due to Cyclone Roanu May 2016.



In Batticaloa, 4 community workshops were conducted on Disaster Preparedness.



A workshop on Rain Water Harvesting was conducted in Thamppati, Kayts and another workshop on Disaster Resilient Community was conducted in Arali followed with some plant distribution.



CHA Disaster Risk Reduction Activities

For further reading on our Disaster Risk Reduction and Management projects you may refer to the A-PAD Bulletin, our bi-monthly publication which carries an expanded overview of all disaster management activity at the CHA. (Also visit us at our DRR programme website <http://www.apadsl.org/>)



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