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Peace and Development Programme

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District Proposals

Phase II

All partners in Trincomalee, Vavuniya and Jaffna have now completed documentation in respect of agreements and funds are being released to commence project activities.

Two additional organisations have been identified for the district of Batticaloa to make up the targeted seven organisations in the district. The DRB members were requested their approval/views before proceeding with agreements.

An organisation in Polonnaruwa was found to have misused funds allocated for beneficiaries and their agreement was terminated and funding stopped. The DRB members have been informed of our findings and the decision to terminate funding. The programme has now signed up with the 08th organisation selected at the last DRB meeting, for the balance funds to be utilised.

Phase III

To date, the programme has received one hundred and fifty-two proposals in respect of the thirteen districts covered. The responses from the districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu are poor and the programme is looking at additional methods of obtaining proposals from these areas.

District Review Board

The District Review Board meetings for Phase III will commence with the districts of Badulla and Moneragala on the 29th and 30th of June, respectively. It is hoped to conclude as many meetings as possible during the months of July and August.

Capacity Building

Two workshops on peacebuilding/ initiatives were conducted for partners from Badulla, Hambantota, Polonnaruwa,

Special Points of Interest:

- * Peace and Development Programme;
- * Psychosocial Initiatives;
- * eLibrary;
- * Health and Livelihoods Grants Programme;
- * Peacebuilding and CSA;
- * Professional Standards.



District Review Board Meeting at Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Centre in Colombo 07.

PSF Activities and Psychosocial Initiatives

The PSF held its General Meeting on the 23rd of June. The Working Group Meetings on Policy Formulation and Advocacy, Capacity Building Issues, and Conceptual Clarity were held at CHA on the 01st and 29th of June, 06th of June, and 30th of June respectively.

Capacity Building WG

The WG called up meetings with agencies to discuss specific objectives of the WG. A concept note was developed for the Capacity Building issues. The following were identified as specific objectives of the WG: Mapping skilled human resources and training bodies in the country; Develop minimum standards for training and capacity building; Develop a common curriculum for PS workers; and Capacity Building.

In addition, a ToR was developed for Consultants to carryout a survey to map training programmes of the country.

WG on Psychosocial Policy Formulation and Advocacy

Two meetings with PSF members were conducted to initiate a dialogue on the formulation of a National Policy on Psychosocial Initiatives. The Ministry of Social Services agreed to render support on this behalf and be involved in the same.

The WG is in the process of reviewing the existing policies related to Psychosocial review of existing materials (literature review), studying the sociological transformation in the past (with WG members), drafting a concept note on objectives of the WG for its members.

WG on Conceptual Clarity

The WG is in the process of researching existing literature and research findings that explains in-depth psychosocial

concepts. It aims to bring about a shared non-threatening understanding among the members of psychosocial concepts in a culturally relevant context.

A workshop will be held on the 03rd of July to review International IASC Guidance for Psychosocial and Mental Health Responses in Emergency Settings.

For more information contact Chrishara Paranayithana on psychcoord@cha.lk or call on 4610943/4 on ext. 106.

Membership Services

Four meetings on CHA's incorporation under the Companies Guarantee Act were scheduled, notified, and CHA members were contacted for confirmation of attendance. Procedural was coordinated with De Sarams.

Procedures issued by the Ministry of Social Services on work permits were obtained and sent out to the operational agencies.

Member organisations were contacted for articles on environment to be published in the upcoming newsletters in Sinhala/Tamil. The Editorial Committee members were contacted for their confirmation on serving the Committee.

Members were contacted for membership visits and two organisations were visited during the period of 1st and 21st of June. Comments received from organisations visited in month of May were forwarded to the Executive Director.

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Five Operational Meeting were held for the period. Presentations made include RADA on the Development Assistance Database: Current Status and Future Expectations, Draft Survey on the Progress of Tsunami Reconstruction by the Institute of Policy Studies, Overview of the Current Status of the De-Mining Programme by UNDP, Overview of Protection Concerns: Operational Issues by the Danish Refugee Council, Overview of Internal Displacement and Operational Guidelines by UNHCR, CHA presentation on Fact Finding Visit to Mannar on the Recent IDP Situation, presentation on the housing programme-policy,

structure, implementation and recommendations by RADA, and an Overview of the CADREP programme by UNDP.

Dr. Ajantha Perera gave a presentation on Solid Waste Management and Mr. Shamen Vidanage of IUCN presented on their post-tsunami experience on ecosystem restoration, at the Environmental Forum held on the 02nd of June.

At the Finance and Administration meeting held on the 16th of June, the feature presentation on filing of returns, submission and exemption for taxation on incoming funds was given by the

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Deputy Commissioner of the International Unit, Department of Inland Revenue.

The Livelihood Forum was a panel discussion on FAO boat buy-back proposal, focusing on potential NGO concerns and recommendations for possible alternative approaches. An overview of the investigation into the feasibility of buying back fishing boats, including results from a survey in Matara, was also shared. The Livelihood Forum held on the 23rd of June featured a panel discussion on "The Current Security Situation in the North and East – How does/should this Affect Livelihood Programmes". The risks (both at agency and beneficiary levels) that must be considered when investing in or when delivering livelihood programmes in the current conditions in the North and East, and how livelihood programmes can be adapted to maximise their effectiveness under the current conditions, were discussed at length.

The MoU with RADA was signed by the Executive Director of CHA and COO-RADA, on the 02nd of June. CHA and RADA roles at the district level are being refined at present, following site visits to Matara and Hambantota.

An informal "Advisory Group" of local and international NGOs was formed for the monthly Livelihood Forum. This group will meet monthly, two weeks before the Forum, to discuss current issues and assist in formation of the next Forum's agenda.

Terms of Reference for Working Group on Best Practices for Sustainable Micro and Small Enterprise Development were drafted and circulated to members. Group feedback was received on the draft and discussions are ongoing to determine next steps.

Two meetings were held with RADA and representatives of the coir industry (such as the Coconut Development Authority, FAO and the Coir Council International) to look at developing a more comprehensive, holistic development plan for the industry. A third meeting has been scheduled with the coconut Development Ministry. CHA will work with RADA to ensure I/NGO participation in the group's activities.

On the 13th of June, a site visit was made to Matara with RADA to attend the monthly Livelihood Coordination Meeting. RADA and CHA are working with the GA to make the meetings more issue-based and solutions-driven. A meeting was held with ILO in Matara with regard to the CAPS Database and how activities in Matara can be better coordinated.

A site visit was made to Doi Tung Development Project in Chiang Rai and Bangkok, Thailand from the 10th to the 16th of June to review the project's approach to sustainable livelihoods

and evaluate possibility of knowledge transfer to Sri Lanka. Internal discussions, followed by external meetings on the Doi Tung Development Project, have been planned to look at opportunities for knowledge transfer to Sri Lanka.

Facilitated a meeting with FCCISL senior management and the Executive Director of CHA to discuss opportunities with the private sector and NGO partnerships.

Some of the important information sent during the month include: Ministry of Social Services procedures on work permit, CHA Human Security Report, CHA Peace and Development Assessment Study, space in newspapers for NGO concerns (facilitated by CHA), Livelihood Grant Schemes, press release by CHA on the Kebithigollewa incident, Ministry of Defence procedure for transporting cement and steel to and through uncleared areas—Ministry of Defence, public reports of Galle and Trincomalee, statement on loss of ZOA employee in Batticaloa.

Comments were solicited on IPS draft survey on tsunami reconstruction, proposal to train NGO personnel in media skills (facilitated by CHA).

Separate meetings were facilitated between Rixt Bode of Oxfam Novib and Janusz Butscher of ADRA Sri Lanka on coordination issues and housing issues with the HSRP Coordinator of Hambantota.

An internal review was held regarding the W3 Database. The possibility of integrating all databases and finding a strategy to get data inflow continuously was discussed. Following this, verified information is being collected from districts. The information from Matara, obtained through the GA, is presently being entered into the W3 Database.

Three radio programmes (one in Sinhala and two in Tamil) were broadcast. Topics covered include CPN activities, mobile clinics, and CHA/AmeriCares Health and Livelihoods Grants Project. Discussions were held with the Programme Director, SLBC Tamil Service to explore the possibility of changing the radio station to ensure a wider listenership. A decision on this will be taken once all the scheduled programmes for the present contract period have been broadcast. The Sinhala Programmes will continue to be broadcast on SLBC Sinhala service as its coverage is extensive and it captures the target audience better than any other station.

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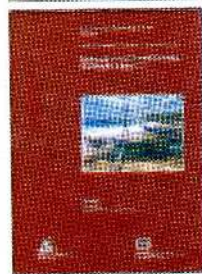
Knowledge Management and Resource Centre

CHA Publications

New Acquisitions



The End of Child Labour: Within Reach – The second Global Report on child labour documents the fact that for the first time, there has been a world-wide decline in child labour, with the worst forms of child labour decreasing fastest.



"Livelihoods in Post-Tsunami Sri Lanka: Building Back Better?" Research Studies: Working Paper No. 10 April 2006 – This book is based on a workshop that was organised by IPS in Dec. 2005 the workshop comprised with seventy stakeholders from local and central



Pilot Study for Knowledge Assistance for NGO's Technical Training for Assisting Women's Self-Reliance – Sri Lanka Final Report February 2006 – In this study four districts Mannar, Kilinochchi, Ampara and Moneragala were selected. It aims to clarify the situation of conflict- and tsunami-affected

women in the target area as well as the current condition and problems of assistance activities for their self-reliance.

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eLibrary

Our library contains over one thousand five hundred publications. Our virtual library consists of a few hundred publications and the numbers are increasing by the day. At the Resource Centre, the team is gearing up to make the eLibrary package look more attractive with more ePublications.

Some publications come with copyright protection; hence, it is not possible to offer soft copies of all the publications. In the development sector, many authors and publishers do not mind their work being duplicated by others; hence, many books, journals and reports do come with soft copies (CDs) or could be retrieved from the web. If there are publications of importance, without copyright protection and no soft copies available, the team will scan each page of the book, with permission from the author/publisher.

Along with the eLibrary, following are the other modules that are available:

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- NGO Directory;
- eForum.

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2. Books and bookshelves;
3. Personnel; or
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Human Right Accountability Coalition (HRAC)

Control Vocabulary on CFA Violation

A draft of Control Vocabulary on CFA violation was created at the Coders' meeting to get a feedback to finalise on the violation types and boundary conditions. The aim of the control vocabulary is to systematically document CFA violation. Violations identified by SLMM have been used as guidelines to draft the Control Vocabulary. It will be finalised once the HRAC partner members have analysed the document and given their feedback.

Collaborative Assistance to the HRAC

A new database for documenting data on disappearance of HRC has been successfully completed. The Documentation Unit of CHA will assist the team to test run the database and identify technical problems in the data entry process. This will be a new software specially designed for The Asia Foundation which could be developed to be used by local NGOs to document human rights violations. Once the database is fully tested with CHA data, which is already in the Analyser Database, it will be transferred to the new database as a trial run of the system. If it shows stability, CHA could continue with the new database to document human rights violations.

Status of Collection of News Articles

The team have almost completed collecting newspaper articles from the National Library. A regular visit to Library is done by

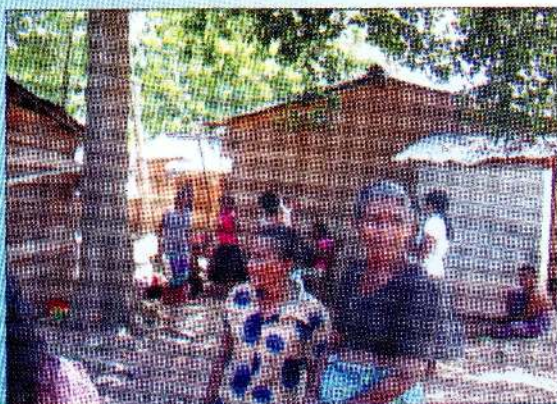
one Data Coder while others continue coding newspaper articles. As at 22nd June 2006, the team have collected four thousand one hundred and eighty-six newspaper articles.

NEWSPAPER	Total number of articles collected	Total number of articles coded
SUNDAY LEADER	16	9
SUNDAY THINAKKURAL	70	
SUNDAY THINAHARAN	30	23
VIRAKESARI	493	374
THE ISLAND	313	189
SUNDAY ISLAND	44	26
SUNDAY VIRAKESARI	45	
THINAKKURAL	821	
DAILY NEWS	162	73
SUNDAY OBSERVER	32	
DAILY MIRROR	180	131
THINAKARAN	236	159
SUNDAY TIMES	31	8
LANKA DEEPA	671	
SUNDAY LANKA DEEPA	7	
DINAMINA	277	
SILUMINA	3	
LAKBIMA	537	
SUNDAY LAKBIMA	3	
DIVAYINA	215	
SUNDAY DIVAYINA	0	
TOTAL	4186	992

NEWSPAPER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
SUNDAY LEADER	0	1	5	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	16
SUNDAY THINAKKURAL	0	3	9	4	3	6	5	8	7	7	5	13	70
SUNDAY THINAHARAN	1	1	3	1	3	4	4	3	0	2	3	5	30
VIRAKESARI	14	11	37	25	29	35	32	39	51	46	67	107	493
THE ISLAND	6	24	24	26	22	23	24	31	34	30	25	44	313
SUNDAY ISLAND	0	6	5	8	3	4	5	3	3	1	5	1	44
SUNDAY VIRAKESARI	2	5	5	3	5	3	1	4	3	4	1	9	45
THINAKKURAL	18	42	69	66	65	93	65	80	62	68	62	131	821
DAILY NEWS	8	9	23	22	17	20	17	17	7	8	0	14	162
SUNDAY OBSERVER	0	0	2	3	10	4	2	1	3	4	1	2	32
DAILY MIRROR	2	6	11	21	18	18	17	15	21	18	14	19	180
THINAKARAN	3	9	10	17	24	25	19	19	30	25	19	36	236
SUNDAY TIMES	0	1	4	2	4	2	5	3	2	1	3	4	31
LANKA DEEPA	17	24	46	56	61	55	72	79	61	65	39	96	671
SUNDAY LANKA DEEPA	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	7
DINAMINA	3	11	17	14	14	16	21	34	29	38	39	41	277
SILUMINA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
LAKBIMA	27	32	48	34	55	55	58	50	46	43	30	59	537
SUNDAY LAKBIMA	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
DIVAYINA	15	19	29	29	35	42	46						215
SUNDAY DIVAYINA	0	0	0	0	0								0
TOTAL	116	205	347	332	371	410	397	387	359	362	315	585	4186

Tsunami Relief Project – Livelihood and Housing

Field visits were conducted to Galle, Matara and Kalutara, enabling identification of needs gaps, meeting with CBOs, NGOs and affected persons in the districts.



Completed houses in the Matara District:



- 1). Complete house in Matara belonging to Panisappin;
- 2). Complete house in Matara belonging to Mrs. Peters.

For further information contact Dhanya Ratnavale on pphr@cha.lk or call on 4610943/4 ext. 118.

Advocacy Initiatives

Social Audits

Humanitarian Forum

The last forum in Galle took place on the 15th of June in Balapitiya, involving thirty-five beneficiaries from Balapitiya and Bentota divisions. The feedback from all three fora in Galle will be analysed and compiled into one report. Some of the feedback received from beneficiaries required follow-up action, that will be done once all facts and information have been received from beneficiaries.



- 1). Humanitarian Forum in Ambalangoda, Galle;
- 2). Humanitarian Forum for four Gravets in Galle, in Habaraduwa.

Public Reports

Reports of Galle and Trincomalee have been sent to Galle and Trincomalee for posting. In addition, they were also circulated to members on the mailing lists. The reports have gone out in English, Sinhala and Tamil where appropriate.

RADA Communication Strategy

CHA has informed RADA of its capacity to support the public information campaign. CHA can use its thirteen District Offices as a point of dissemination as well as the various District meetings and fora as a space for communicating the housing policy options.

For further information contact Nayomi Dharmatilake on advocacycoord@cha.lk or call on 4610943/4 ext. 158.

Community Protection Network

Paralegal Activity

Community Activism – A four-day residential workshop has been scheduled to be held from the 28th of June to the 01st of July and will be conducted for the CPN members of Mannar and Vavuniya with the assistance of IHR Resource Persons. A paralegal workshop has been scheduled to be held from the 12th to the 14th of July, in Jaffna. It is yet to be confirmed.

Mobile Clinics

The fifth Mobile legal Clinic was conducted in Hambantota with a total of one hundred and nineteen participants. The sixth Legal Mobile Clinic, which was postponed from the 17th and 18th of June, was held on the 24th and 25th of June, in Puttalam.

Following is the schedule for four Mobile Clinics:

District	Dates
Kalutara	15 th and 16 th July
Galle	29 th and 30 th July
Ampara and Batticaloa	July (Not yet confirmed)
Hambantota and Matara	August (Not yet confirmed)

Publications

The Livelihood Booklet – One hundred copies of the Livelihood Booklet will be distributed to each district.

Buffer Zone Posters and Leaflets – This has been delayed due to the lack of response on the part of RADA.

Bi-Monthly CPN Newsletters – The third issue of the newsletter is being processed and will soon be sent out for printing. The newsletter for the period will be available from the districts of Kalutara, Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Badulla (Sinhala and Tamil), Puttalam, Vavuniya, Ampara, Mannar, Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Jaffna.

CPN Meetings and Issues

Work by Badulla and Puttalam CPN teams are ongoing. New teams have been formed in Kalutara, Galle, Hambantota, Mannar and Trincomalee. The teams' work will commence

shortly in the districts of Matara, Ampara, Batticaloa and Jaffna.

CPN meetings were held in eleven district, out of which eight concluded their meetings early this month (awaiting reports from three districts). The rest were conducted during the last week.

Five CPN members of Jaffna assisted in packing and distribution of dry ration kits to two hundred displaced families from Allaipiddy, staying at welfare centres.

The CPN members of Badulla requested that two lawyers be appointed to the Badulla District to be consulted during emergencies.

The members appreciated the legal aid programme in Badulla being conducted with the contribution of the CPN members. They showed their willingness to conduct free legal clinics at their organisations. They requested that the clinics be organised in different areas in order to enable the public to make use of it.

The Badulla CPN members requested that a awareness raising workshop be organised in order to make people aware of the current situation in the country and to enable them to face any emergency situation resulting from it.

Since huts made out of cadjan leaves are not very strong, the people of Puttalam suffer during the windy season as the roofs were destroyed.

A scholarship programme will be conducted for a minimum of twenty-five A/L students in Galle. They would be benefited until the end of their A/L education and will be provided with a fixed amount of cash for their tertiary education.

The Association of the Deaf requested CHA to assist them in purchasing new premises for their office in Galle. CHA Head Office has forwarded this to a French NGO who has promised to assist the Association in the future.

Two disabled women made a request to CPN Mannar to be provided with assistance in order to seek treatment.

For further information contact Sharmila Jeyarajewaren at npo@cha.lk or call on 4610943/4 on ext. 109.

Conflict Response—Emergency Relief Project

The Emergency Relief Grant from Diakonia was completed and the narrative report is currently being finalised.

Batticaloa



Livelihood Programmes in Batticaloa for Conflict Affected Families (i.e. woollen garments, matting, rice flour processing)

Trincomalee

The project has utilised Rs. 500,000 from the HSRP budget towards the requests received for emergency assistance. With this money, the project has already assisted thirty-one families of Trincomalee seeking refuge in Puttalam. The families include those from Potkerkny, a small village in Trincomalee. They were provided with family packs containing food, non-food, sanitary and medical items. The family packs were distributed in the presence of the District Secretary and the Grama Niladhari. CPN members also assisted in the process of packing and distributing the packs.



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Regional Initiative for the Right to Sustainable Livelihood and the Enabling of Social and Political Participation

The translations of the Manual has been delayed. Workshops are being planned and selection of participants is underway.

Novib has requested a submission of a budget for the next three years. Details of activities will be requested from the partners. In addition, the budget upto the 31st of May has

been submitted to Novib.

The new contract and installments for the partners are presently being transferred.

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Mannar and Puttalam. The attendance at the workshops has not been good due to the security situation or transport difficulties. A travel allowance is being considered for the attendees of the next workshops, in addition to the food and accommodation costs borne by the programme.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring teams established in several districts have commenced their visits to monitor the activities of the partners. The Monitoring and Research Coordinator of the programme visited Vavuniya, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts with a view to talk to partners and beneficiaries to obtain perceptions from the districts. He also spoke to partners from a few other districts and an updated report was collated with the information gathered so far.

The team from the Clingendael University is scheduled to arrive in early August to continue evaluation of the programme.



- 1). Self-employment project in Mannar through WDF;
- 2). Assistance for self-employment, Hambantota.

For further information contact Bernadine Jayawardena on pdmanager@cha.lk or call on 4610943/4 ext. 117.

Health and Livelihood Grants Programme to Assist Tsunami Affected Districts

The completion of the application package in Sinhala, Tamil and English was advertised in five newspapers (two Sinhala, two Tamil and one English) on two consecutive weekends. Further advertising of the programme was done on Shakrhi FM and Sooriyan FM. The programme staff also discussed the programme on the CHA-HSRP radio programmes as well.

Successful field visits were conducted in Galle and Matara, Kalutara, Ampara, and Batticaloa. Discussions were held with GAs, CBOs, NGOs and affected persons.

Grantee Cooperation Agreements and reporting formats are currently being finalised.

Designing of the HLG webpage has begun and will be made available in Sinhala, Tamil and English. It will detail an update on future grants and financial details of the project.

The Steering Committee meeting was held and submissions of financial statements for the month of May, were made. Cash flow statement for the period ending May 2007 was submitted to AmeriCares for concurrence. Funds will be transferred to new institutions to gain higher yield which will be used towards grants.

District accounts for AmeriCares were opened in Galle, Matara, Ampara and Batticaloa. The account for Kalutara will be operated from Colombo.



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Peacebuilding and CSA Programme

A Peacebuilding Workshop for P&D Partners

Workshop on "Community Peacebuilding, Mediation and Negotiation" was held in Badulla for participants from Badulla, Hambantota, Moneragala and Polonnaruwa. Identical workshops have been scheduled so far in the districts of Badulla, Jaffna, Puttalam, Batticaloa and Trincomalee. Participation is only by invitation. The next workshop scheduled in Batticaloa, for the 11th and 12th of July, has been postponed due to the security situation in the country.

Brookings IDP Project

Interviews are underway and the draft of the paper is currently being prepared.

Other Proposals

A new proposal on Peacebuilding and Community Capacity Building was finalised.

Two Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Post-Conflict Fund Grant Application, World Bank was sent on the following topics:

- Sustainable and Sensitive Humanitarian and Development Cooperation of Agencies in Sri Lanka: Mainstreaming Conflict Sensitivity (Area One:

Capacity Building for Civil Society Organisations);

- Mobilising Community Capacities for Peacebuilding (Area Two: Inter Ethnic Grassroots Initiatives for Development.

Tabloid

A Working Group is being formed comprising of staff from key CSOs.

Rapid Peace and Conflict Assessment

Two reports of Rapid Peace and Conflict Assessment covering the events in the North and East were presented in June. This will be issued on a fortnightly basis.

General

Round table discussion on "Multi-Track Response to Humanitarian Crisis in the Context of Unfinished Conflict" is being planned to be held on July.

Active participation of the peace team at the regional Pool of Consultants on Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation Interventions.

For further information contact Minna Thaheer on peacemngr@cha.lk or call on 2598413.

Administration

Job vacancies for the posts of Programme Officer Peace Related Activities, Monitoring Assistant, and Advocacy Assistant were advertised on the weekend newspapers. In addition, recruitment of two Finance Officers, Finance Manager, Web Developer, Internal Auditor, Programme Assistant, and District Officer Matara, was finalised. The Unit is currently in the process of scheduling interviews for the posts of Assistant District Officer-Badulla, Communications Officer (second set), Programme Officer Environmental Project, Advocacy Assistant, and Advocacy Officer-Districts.

An induction programme was held at the CHA Head Office for RedR District Learning Support Officers (DLSOs) and other staff in order to brief their job functions and

commitments. CHA District Officers and Administration and Finance staff were also present at the programme.

A few selected staff members participated at a workshop on personal safety and human security, organised by RedR.

The new office premises for Vavuniya was finalised and staff shifted to the new office.

The Knowledge Centre was refurbished and re-arranged. New shelves were installed, especially to amplify the safety of the server and also to increase space in the room.

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Finance

The following grant activities have been reported for the month of June:

- HSRP – Mercy Corps;
- Sphere Manual – Oxfam;
- Psychosocial Forum;
- LCI Project;
- IDEA Project; and
- AmeriCares.

Following are details of income that has been received:

- EURO 98,480,660.00 – The Royal Netherlands Embassy;
- US \$ 81,956.00 – Livelihood (Diakonia);
- US \$ 135,507.21 – Environment (Diakonia);
- US \$ 2977.00 – IDP Research (Brookings).

Following are details of funds due:

- American Jewish;
- Stromme Foundation;

- Novib;
- Diakonia;
- Mercy Corps.

Agreements signed – CHA has signed agreements with Novib and Diakonia for the HSRP Project.

General

Peace and Development – The proposal for the programme is being amended; a request is being sent to SIDA to re-allocate funds to district grants; and currently communicating with Auditors to conduct project audits in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu.

Other project details – Total expenditure for HSRP upto the month of June is Rs. 18.2 million; one year budget was finalised for the LCI project; and a three year budget for the PCF was submitted to the World Bank.

Promotion of Professional Standards

CHA/RedR–IHE Programme

The courses conducted for the month include Training of Trainers, Management of Relief and Development Projects, and Sphere in Humanitarian Practice.

Sphere Training – Training of local personnel in sphere standards has been scheduled and will be conducted by CHA trainers with the guidance in coaching and facilitation by RedR professionals.

Induction Programme for District Learning Support Officers (DLSO) – The induction programme was held at CHA on the 20th of June 2006. The Executive Director of CHA, DED, Programme Director RedR and LSO RedR addressed the DLSOs and briefed on their expectations. The programme saw a great attendance by staff from CHA and RedR.

Security training instructors who arrived to conduct personal safety, Security Management and Driver training were briefed on the need and what to be focused on training. They were given an orientation of the security situation.

District Consortia

A discussion was held with the President of the Consortium of Mannar with regard to their activities. It was understood that the

District Committee meetings are held in the LTTE controlled areas where the President is located at present. As participation was minimal, the consortium was advised to hold meetings at its office in order to enable all members to attend.

Capacity Building, Training and Consultancy

CHA – BBC Programme on Media Skills – Discussions with representatives of the BBC Trust office, India was held for a joint proposal to train NGO workers in Media Skills. BBC representatives further had a discussion with the likely donor. As a way forward it was decided, to bring to the notice of the CHA membership, the future plans and request their input for the programme. Positive responses were received and these have been collated and shared with persons concerned.

Consultant Training – CHA will provide its services as consultants and trainers in the field of Peacebuilding, Coaching, Facilitation and Organisational Analysis for the programme in conjunction with RedR.

Advisory Board – CHA is a representative in the Advisory Committee of the FLICT Consultant Programme.

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Calendar for July 2006

CHA Meetings in July:

The **Operational Meeting** will be held every Friday at the Sri Lanka Institute for International Relations (SLIIR).

The **DRMU Meeting** will be held at CHA every Wednesday from 08.00a.m. to 09.00a.m.

The **Livelihood Forum** will be held at the Sri Lanka Institute for International Relations (SLIIR) on the 28th of July at 09.45a.m.

The **Environment Forum** will be held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute (SLFI) Auditorium on the 21st of July at 09.45a.m.