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Healing Through Reconciliation

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Director's Message

It's now two years and more since the war ended in the North and East of Sri Lanka. The dust has settled on the areas that saw so much of bitter fighting, bloodshed and suffering, and life is slowly but surely limping back to normal. Yet, for many the painful memories still remain and it will be a long time before they can firmly put all that behind them and rebuild their broken lives. Time alone will heal their wounded hearts and minds.

It is to this healing process that Caritas Sri Lanka has addressed all the energies at its command in this post-war period. A wide range of reconstruction, rehabilitation and resettlement activities were undertaken to support the war affected families that are still struggling to find decent shelter, reasonable livelihoods, restoration of children's education, safe living environments, freedom from fear and a hope for the future.

As a Church institution, we had remained with the people right throughout. Even in their moments of helplessness and utter despair, the role of the Church and its Ministry of Presence were a source of strength and gave the people a ray of hope.

Today, an even bigger role is thrust into our hands. The time is opportune for the Church to position or brand itself in the important and urgent task of healing a wounded nation. It is time to strengthen our own belief that the Church can play a meaningful role in this process. The Church roles in actualizing the Good Friday Agreement of Ireland and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa are sources of inspiration, indeed. Here in Sri Lanka, the Church has the distinguishing feature of having Tamils and Sinhalese as its members. There are hardly any Tamil Buddhists or Sinhala Hindus, and this alone places the Church in a unique position to constantly move forward towards reconciliation and healing. Though we have known this fact for a long time, now is the moment to translate our knowledge into action and chart a new course through serious re-thinking. We have to re-invent ourselves. We have to re-imagine new possibilities in our approach to the important issues at hand. Otherwise, we will fail the nation in this most crucial hour when it is struggling to its feet after many decades of hurting itself and its people.

At Caritas, our Lenten Theme last year, namely "Christ is our Hope", and the theme of the Sri Lanka Working Group Meeting 2010, namely "People's Power: Basis for Integral Development" were, in their own ways, constructive steps in enhancing the healing process which our nation is badly in need of. While our main strategic concern was to enhance integral development through community empowerment, we identified the building of people's power as the basis on which we could move forward. People's power can only be built where people have hope in a better future and an abiding faith in themselves as the agents of that transformation. In all our work, therefore, we were perpetually called to give them the Hope of Christ, the hope that lights up the darkness, the hope that makes all things possible.

As we present this Annual Report which highlights the work we have done in the past year, we remain unshaken in the belief that we at Caritas not only have the capacity to serve those who are in need of our love, care and attention but also that we have the capacity to bring hope to a world that is acutely in need of the Hope of Christ.

Fr George Sigamoney
National Director



Along the path of the Strategic Plan

Purpose of the Strategic Plan

The Social Economic Development Centre (SEDEC) was established to provide a base for disseminating the Social Teachings of the Church. During this era, against the backdrop of Vatican II, the Church was concerned with the economic imbalance that prevailed. Poor countries struggled hard to provide basic needs for their people, dependent on subsidies and handouts. The Church viewed with consternation a situation where integral development of the human person was a far cry.

In Sri Lanka too, the Church looked at ways and means of grappling with this new state of affairs and, filled with the spirit of *Populorum Progressio*, SEDEC was established to alleviate human suffering.

Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC became the expression of the concern of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka for Justice, Peace and Human Development and operated under the mandate of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Sri Lanka (CBCSL). Its mission in the social field is based on Gospel values and universal solidarity towards all the members of society, irrespective of religion or ethnicity. Through the actions of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC and its Diocesan Centres (DCs) throughout the country, the Catholic Church expresses its commitment to uplift the needy and the marginalised, to create awareness for their self-improvement, to promote peace and harmony among the different groups and to reach out with help in times of disaster and emergencies.

Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC has gained recognition for the immense services it has rendered during the Tsunami and to the war displaced populations and for its wide reach, presence and ability to work with all ethnic communities. Through the experience gained and the lessons learnt, Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC was looking for new direction in order to effectively continue its services and make an impact upon the beneficiary communities.

Organizational Development Process

In order to get a fresh focus, Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC decided to undergo an Organizational Development Process (ODP) so as to develop a Strategic Plan for the organization for the next eight years. Caritas Sri Lanka, through the 8-year Strategic Plan developed for the period 2009–2017, endeavours to take a quantum leap in an effort to respond effectively to the current Sri Lankan context, achieve its Mission and Vision and emerge as a leading social development organization in the country.

The Plan identified, among other things, four Strategic Priorities, namely:

1. Enhancing Integral Human Development through Community Empowerment
2. Promoting Social Justice and building Sustainable Peace
3. Community Based Disaster Management and Emergency Response
4. Organizational / Institutional Strengthening



Caritas Sri Lanka has resolved to increase the focus, intensity and quality of its work on Integral Human Development by more effectively empowering the communities so that poor and marginalized communities will endeavour to arrest the process of pauperization and can claim their rightful share of development resources and live a dignified life.

Caritas has affirmed to take up advocacy and lobbying with national and regional governments, especially on issues related Social Justice and Peace, and it continues to work with other national and international agencies. Advocacy and Lobbying has been an approach and cross-cutting strategy to address all strategic priorities.

Mobilizing and organizing the communities to be better prepared to face disaster situations and hazards, Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC conducted several training programmes, sharing experiences of other disaster affected countries. Community Based Disaster Preparedness measures have been put into place in selected villages in all the Diocesan Centres.

Cognizant of the need to deliver assistance in the area of Psychosocial Intervention to the war and disaster affected individuals and families to help them get over their trauma and mental anguish, many activities such as counselling, various therapies and live-in / exchange programmes have been introduced.

Fully realizing that it has embarked on an ambitious plan which needs better preparation, Caritas Sri Lanka also resolved that Capacity Building be another cross-cutting priority, to be taken up to strengthen the Caritas network on all programmes and organizational aspects. This includes institutionalizing the learnings, practices and policies developed during the Tsunami response operation. Communication and Coordination have served as stand-alone strategy and also as important aids to advocacy and lobbying efforts.

Though the implementation of the main strategy of Integral Human Development through Community Empowerment was commenced only in January 2010, the progress and achievements reported in the various pages will give the reader an understanding of how far down this path Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC has trodden in line with its Strategic Plan.



Integral Human Development Programme

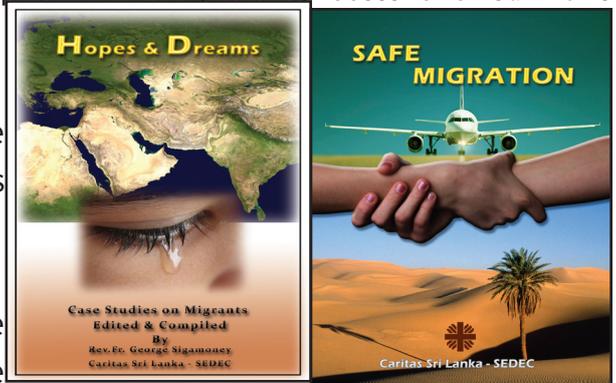


As practitioners of *Integral Human Development (IHD)*, we believe in creating a world where all people are able to live to their full potential, meeting their basic physical needs sustainably, while living with dignity in a just and peaceful society. The key elements that guide our work are holistic development which promotes the good of every person and the whole person, solidarity which promotes the rights and responsibilities of every person, and justice and peace which ensure respect for the dignity of every person while promoting a just and peaceful society.

IHD, the first Strategic Objective of Caritas Sri Lanka, focuses on achieving integral human development by effectively empowering the poorest and marginalized communities. Improving the socio economic and spiritual status of such communities by enabling them to gain access and control over resources and decision making power is the means of achieving integral human development. Capacitating the community to understand causes of marginalization, organizing the community groups to form community institutions and advocacy and lobbying actions to influence the adverse policies is the general process followed in this regard.

Integral Human Development Unit implements sector wise programmes targeting vulnerable communities such as farmers, fishermen, plantation workers and women.

It is in this light that the IHDP Unit continues to engage in a range of activities which address issues related to safe migration, human trafficking, women's empowerment, sustainable agriculture and training of farmers.



Safe migration

A project funded by Caritas Luxembourg focuses on pre-departure and post-arrival assistance for women migrant workers in the Middle East. It is implemented in the dioceses of Kurunegala, Kandy, Anuradhapura and Galle.

A diocese-wise awareness programme on "Safe Migration and Prevention of Human Trafficking" was also carried out in all the Dioceses with the assistance of Caritas Italiana.

With the support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), a research study on "Causes for migration of Sri Lankan women and analysis of post-arrival assistance provided to affected migrants" was undertaken and its results were presented at an event held to mark International Migrants' Day on 17th December 2010 at the SEDEC Auditorium under the patronage of the Minister of External Affairs, Hon. Prof. G.L. Peiris. On that occasion, a docu-drama on the subject, titled "Hiru Avith" and produced with the assistance of Caritas Italiana, was premiered.

Also, two Caritas publications were launched at this event, one being the "Handbook on Safe Migration" (English version), giving important guidelines to be followed by migrant workers and the other, a collection of 16 case studies titled "Hopes and Dreams" which reflects the hopes, dreams and sufferings and sufferings of migrant workers.



Human trafficking

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A national level workshop for community leaders on the subjects of safe migration and human trafficking saw a total of 60 participants from several districts attending two separate sessions held in Sinhala and Tamil languages, in Anuradhapura and Colombo respectively.



About 80 women from underprivileged backgrounds participated in a half-day program held in Attidiya, Dehiwela, aimed at conscientizing them on the dangers of trafficking faced by them and their children. Seminars for two groups of school children and teachers were also held in Peradeniya and Ratnapura to make them aware about the issues related to trafficking.

A seminar for religious leaders was held at SEDEC Auditorium in order to highlight the role and responsibility of civil society towards eradicating the menace of human trafficking.

An essay competition on the topics of child trafficking and child labour evoked the enthusiastic responses of a total of 400 school children in the age groups of 12 - 13 and 14 - 16 years, in both Sinhala and Tamil mediums. Prior to the competition, advertisements of educational value were placed in selected children's weekly papers as an advocacy measure and as a means of alerting children to these issues.



Women's empowerment

International Women's Day (IWD) was celebrated on 8th March 2011 in Dehiwela with a group of about 400 women belonging to the urban poor, under the theme "Women towards a fuller life".



Encounter for war widows

A group of 40 war widows from the dioceses of Mannar and Anuradhapura met together for two days in Polonnaruwa for an experience-sharing session of their sense of loss, how they are coping with the changes brought about in their lives as a result of such loss and the building of solidarity among the group members. A follow-up program has been planned to be held in the future as a way of strengthening such solidarity and building cohesion among the participants.

Sustainable Agriculture and Farmers' Rights

Supported by Caritas Asia, a National Farmers' Conference was held in April 2010 in Anuradhapura where 27 farmers including 21 females were updated on the concepts and best practices of sustainable agriculture as well as farmers' seed rights. Subsequently, hands-on trainings, both theory and practical, were provided to 60 farmers in November 2010 at Gemi Seva Sevana, Galaha.



Social Justice and Sustainable Peace



The search for a lasting peace receives our fullest attention as the country puts the spectre of war behind and moves forward towards true reconciliation and a sustainable peace for its people.

The Bishops' Peace Task Force met regularly during this year and continued to explore ways and means of promoting peace in Sri Lanka. At the same time, in order to promote dialogue on this subject within the Church, a North-South Dialogue among clergy and religious was held in August 2010 in Colombo, attended by a group of 65 Priests, Bishops and Nuns from several dioceses. The main objective was to facilitate experience-sharing and to foster closer understanding for the future. Previously, two such encounters had been held in Jaffna and Mannar where Priests and Nuns shared their experiences.

At the Colombo meeting, a discussion on the Presidential Commission on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation was also held, including inputs from two resource persons and an Open Forum. At the end of the session, the participants agreed that in spite of the pros and cons of the Presidential Commission and its scope, the Church would use this opportunity to make representations to the Commission in good faith. Accordingly, a number of recommendations were made by the assembly, to be included in the presentation to be made by the Catholic Church.

On 3rd November 2010, a Church delegation comprising His Eminence Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo, Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Swampillai, Bishop of Tricomalee/Batticaloa, Rt. Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera, Chairman of Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC, Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney, National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC, Rev. Fr. Ranjith Madurawela, Archdiocesan Director of Education and Mr. Shammil Perera, Attorney-at-Law appeared before the Commission and made its submissions.

Human Rights Programme

The perpetual quest for a human rights culture in Sri Lanka is a vital part of the Caritas mission, since respect for rights is a pre-requisite for the creation of a just society. Thus, we have in place a program that focuses on capacity building of diocesan level human rights coordinators who, in turn, create awareness on human rights at the grassroots level and conduct training workshops for community leaders.

In November 2010, Caritas Sri Lanka facilitated the Equitas Global Human Rights Education Program South Asia Network Evaluation Meeting held in Colombo and attended by 12 participants representing six Asian countries who gathered together to share information about the human rights education programs in their respective countries.

A Training-of Trainers (TOT) workshop on human rights for religious leaders was held at SEDEC, under the theme "Human dignity is the basis for upholding human rights: a religious perspective". There were 26 participants, comprising of 14 Christians, 4 Buddhists, 4 Muslims and 4 Hindus, who said that this was a new experience for them and an opportunity to meet those of other faiths who have a similar interest in the subject of human rights. As an outcome of this event, Caritas undertook the publication of a guide-



book where the teachings of different religions on the subject of human rights would be brought out for further study and dissemination.

An all-island human rights quiz competition for school children was conducted in December 2010 to mark International Human Rights Day. Students studying in the Advanced Level classes participated in this competition which was held in Tamil and Sinhala mediums in all the districts through our Diocesan Centres and was organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka. The teams from Batticaloa and Kurunegala entered the finals and, after a close contest, the Kurunegala team carried away the winner's trophy.

A program to induce voter registration as a way of strengthening democracy in Sri Lanka was carried out between August and December 2010 among the resettled communities in the Vanni and in the plantation communities in Kahawatta and Nuwara Eliya DS Divisions. People were educated on the subject through awareness programs and an avenue was created for them to register their names in the Voter's Register. Mobile clinics helped those who were not in possession of basic documents needed for such registration.

Defining the inter-relationship between Conflict Transformation and Human Rights was one of the aims of a Study Session on Conflict Transformation held in March 2011 in SEDEC, as a preparation for a national level consultation on the subject planned for later this year.



Upon a request from the Attorney General's Department to participate in a Focus Group discussion on the sections of civil and political rights and torture of the National Action Plan for the Protection and Promo-



tion of Human Rights, a Caritas delegation made several recommendations to the Draft Action Plan on Convention Against Torture(CAT). Following are the recommendations we made:

- * ratification of the Optional Protocol on CAT (OPCAT)
- * lifting of Emergency Rule and repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)
- * implement effective investigation mechanisms
- * increase institutional capacity of relevant authorities
- * educate the public and the duty bearers on the consequences of torture

Child Rights

Child Protection Programme- a Caritas priority

Since launching the Child Protection Policy (CPP) Manual in 2008, we have consistently and vigorously promoted it at all levels of society in order to call attention to the many difficulties, challenges and threats faced by our children in today's fast-changing society.

A number of awareness and conscientization programs on such issues as child rights, child protection and child care were conducted for different target groups, the significant sectors being school teachers and Principals, Probation Officers and caretakers of children's homes. These programs were conducted in close collaboration with leading agencies like the National Child Protection Authority, Child Probation Department and the Children's and Women's Bureau of the Police Department.

“Let's make our land a safe haven for children”

Theme for UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY 2010

It's a children's world. Children are our greatest treasure. Therefore we have to make our land a safe haven for them to live in. This was the major emphasis of the Universal Children's Day celebrations organized by Caritas Sri Lanka on 2nd and 3rd October 2010.

On the first day, 121 children and 78 adults including teachers, parents and Program Coordinators from the 13 Diocesan Centres gathered at Subodhi Institute, Piliyandala for a get-together which gave them the opportunity to make friends, enjoy themselves through fun and games and also showcase their talents in singing, dancing and drama.



The group was composed of Tamil, Sinhalese and Muslim children and they came from all parts of the island. Yet, they forgot all barriers of language and religion and associated with each other in a spirit of acceptance and great camaraderie. *That's the children's world !*



On the second day, they joined another large group of children which included many from Children's Homes, as well as parents, teachers and Diocesan staff from all over Sri Lanka who converged at a function held at the Colombo International School Auditorium. The Chief Guest on this occasion was the Minister of Education, Hon. Bandula Goonewardene while the Guests of Honour were the UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. Neil Buhne, the Minister Counsellor of the Indian High Commission, Ms. Prabha Murthi, the Deputy Head of Mission of the Italian Embassy, Dr Gianluca Rubagotti and Very Rev Fr Emmanuel Fernando, Archdiocesan Episcopal Vicar.

Many artistic presentations by the children were featured at this event which also saw the awarding of prizes to the winners of various competitions held earlier in connection with Universal Children's Day.





Caritas Scholarship Program

This program, started with the support of foster parents in Poland and supported by Caritas Poland, currently benefits 1,372 poor children in eleven Dioceses, each of whom receives a sum of Rupees Two Thousand monthly for their education. The award of scholarships is closely linked to the child protection program.

Name of the Diocese	No. of Children
Colombo	500
Galle	200
Mannar	79
Kurunegala	84
Anuradhapura	69
Badulla	60
Kandy	60
Trincomalee	37
Ratnapura	60
Chilaw	65
Vanni (Jaffna)	158
Total	1,372

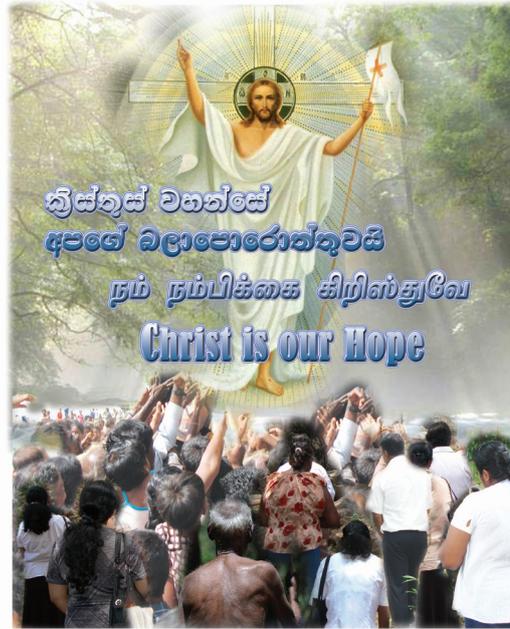
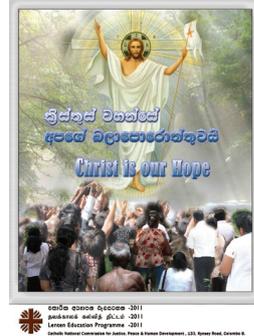
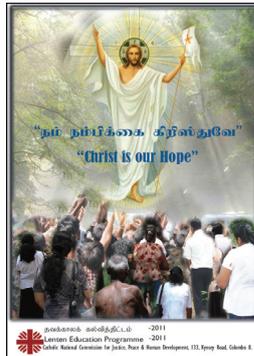




Lenten Education Programme

"Christ is our Hope" was the theme of the Lenten Program. It reflects our endeavour to continually seek to bring the HOPE of Christ to all the people in the country with whom we will journey, especially among the homeless, the traumatized, the marginalized and the voiceless through our Ministry of Presence.

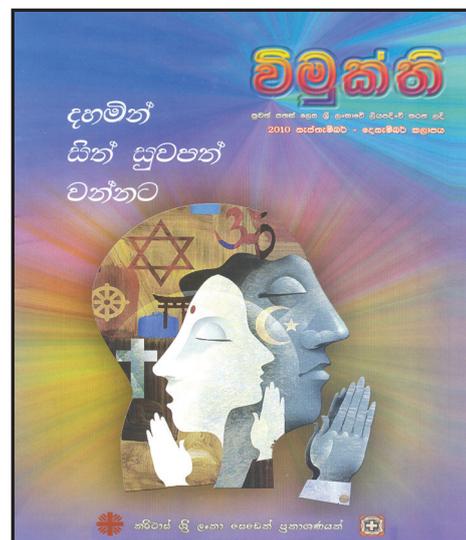
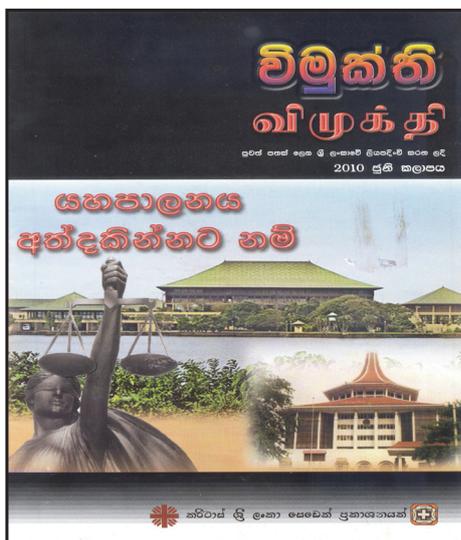
Posters depicting the Lenten theme were prepared and distributed to the dioceses, along with the Lenten Educaion Program booklets printed in all three languages.



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 Justice, Peace & Human Development Commission, 133, Kynsey Road, Colombo 8.

'VIMUKTHI' Magazine

Published in Sinhala and Tamil languages, the VIMUKTHI magazine is a quarterly publication dedicated to addressing the issues of social justice and good governance. It serves as a forum for academics, scholars and religious leaders to write on topical issues of public interest. The latest issue carries articles on reconciliation through coexistence (by Rev.Prof. N.M.Saveri) and the role of religions in building peace (by Prof. Tissa Vitharana).





Disaster Risk Management



During the period 2009/10, the main focus of the relief and rehabilitation programme was on addressing the needs of IDPs displaced by the conflict. Caritas Sri Lanka provided relief assistance to about 100,000 of the 300,000 IDPs who were in relief camps. However, during the period 2010/11, while the IDPs were being released for resettlement, another major crisis was being faced by the country. During the period December 2010 – February 2011, with the advent of the North East monsoon, floods inundated several areas in the Eastern, Central and Southern parts of the country. At the peak of the crisis, over a million people were affected. Caritas Sri Lanka was again at the forefront of assisting those displaced by the floods. Relief assistance was provided to about 136,000 people in 11 Districts.

Caritas was thus faced with the responsibility of addressing the emergency needs of those affected by the floods while at the same time supporting the early recovery needs of the IDPs returning to their villages.

In the post-emergency stage, Caritas Sri Lanka is focusing its attention on those who are being resettled in their own villages. Due to the magnitude of the relief assistance provided by Caritas and the excellent rapport that was built up with civil and military authorities during the emergency phase, Caritas has been recognized as a major contributor towards rebuilding the lives of the displaced people. The Presidential Task Force (PTF) which oversees all development activity in the Northern Province is very supportive of the Caritas initiatives and has given its authorization for Caritas to support the livelihood, educational and shelter needs of the people in Mannar, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Jaffna Districts. In addition, Caritas is also supporting the needs of displaced people in the Eastern Province and in the Districts of Anuradhapura and Badulla.

Livelihood and transitional shelter support was given to 3,389 and 1,750 families respectively, so that they could quickly stabilize and rebuild their livelihoods. Those whose houses could be repaired were provided assistance for this purpose and permanent houses with latrines were provided for 292 families. Deserving students and pre-school children were provided with assistance so that they could continue their education without a break. One of the highlights of this programme was the provision of nutritional food to approximately 3,000 children which motivated them to attend school, in addition to boosting their nutritional levels. A prolonged conflict which results in displacement leads to trauma and a considerable number of people go through prolonged periods of stress. Caritas again rose to the occasion by providing psychosocial support to a selected number of people.

Such a broad spectrum of intervention is not without challenges. Caritas faced them on many fronts. Selection of beneficiaries for specific assistance was done as per Government rules but there were occasional complaints; construction of houses was hampered by the rising cost of building materials, shortage of sand and a dearth of suitable building contractors. Livelihood support was delayed due to the delays in the supply of assets such as boats, outboard engines and cattle. Access to project sites was made difficult by local security regulations. But, Caritas has been able to overcome these challenges by advocacy and lobbying with the relevant parties.



Another major challenge faced by Caritas was addressing the needs of the thousands of people who were affected by floods. Caritas supported the needs of approximately 136,000 people belonging to 34,000 families with cooked food, drinking water, sanitary items, non food items and dry relief goods. The response of our partners was quick as we kept them informed of the crisis with regular updates of the situation. Donor assistance was supplemented with good local contributions from several parishes.

In the immediate future, Caritas will continue to focus its attention on supporting the resettlement of families in their own villages while addressing the needs of people with emergency relief needs as and when they occur.

War Victims' Resettlement Programme

The Caritas International(CI) mandate entails it to support communities that are seeking to recover from the effects of both man-made and natural disasters. It does this by mobilizing the support of members of the Caritas Confederation. In the post-war situation in Sri Lanka, and on the request of Caritas Sri Lanka, CI appealed to the partners to support the early recovery needs of the affected communities for the year 2010 through the Emergency Appeal 35/2009



and followed this up with a further appeal for the year 2011 through the Emergency Appeal 2/2011 programme which sought to further consolidate this assistance for the long term.

EA 35/2009 – Project period: January – December 2010

EA 02/2011 – Project period: January – December 2011

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Completed	%	In progress	%
Semi permanent shelters with latrines	CAFOD	Kilinochchi	28	28	100%	Completed	
		Badulla	06	02	33%	04	67%
	Caritas Belgium	Mannar	80	80	100%		
		Batticaloa	45	45	100%	Project Completed	
		Trincomalee	45	45	100%		
	Caritas Italiana	Kilinochchi	40	40	100%		
		Chilaw	12	12	100%	Project Completed	
	Caritas Norway	Mullaitivu	75	-	-	28	37%
	Caritas Portugal	Mullaitivu	76	-	-	20	26%
	Caritas Swiss - I	Anuradhapura	12	12	100%	Completed	
		Trincomalee	17	17	100%		
		Jaffna	20	11	55%	09	45%
	Caritas Slovenia	Mullaitivu	20	-	-	08	40%
Caritas Australia	Jaffna	29	-	-	29	100%	
Total			505	292	59%	98	19%
House Repairs	Caritas Slovenia	Mullaitivu	50	50	100%	Project Completed	
	Caritas Portugal	Mullaitivu	28	28	100%		
Total			78	78	100%		



NFRI (Clothing)	CIDA	Vanni	1,130	1,130	100%	Project Completed	
Total			1,130	1,130	100%		
NFRI (Solar Lamps)	Cordaid	Vanni	1,130	1,130	100%	Project Completed	
		Mannar	750	750	100%		
Total			1,500	1,500	100%		
NFRI (Bicycles)	Cordaid	Vanni	910	910	100%	Project Completed	
		Mannar	750	750	100%		
Total			1,660	1,660	100%		
Complementary Foods	Caritas Network	Mannar	6,500	6,500	100%	Project Completed	
		Vanni	1,000	1,000	100%		
Total			7,500	7,500	100%		
Nutritional Feeding for pre school children	CIDA	Kilinochchi	3,000	Monthly Support			
Total			6,000				
Livelihood	CIDA	Kilinochchi	500	400	80%	100	20%
	Caritas Norway	Mullaitivu	44	44	100%		
	Caritas Portugal	Mullaitivu	132	77	58%	55	42%
Total			676	521	78%	155	22%
Boats & Nets	Caritas Portugal	Mullaitivu	80	Needs assessment completed and awaiting for the approved beneficiary list from the D.S and local military authority.			
	Caritas Slovenia	Mullaitivu	10				
Total							
Educational Kits	CIDA	Vanni	5,500	5,581	101%	-	-
Total			5,500	5,581	101%	-	-
Educational Assistance	Caritas Network	Anuradhapura	179	Monthly support 1. Children living with relatives 2. Children in the welfare centres 3. Children going for higher education			
		Badulla	45				
		Mannar	350				
		Jaffna	300				
		Vanni	450				
		Trincomalee	136				
		Batticaloa	291				
		Chilaw	52				
		National Centre	15				
Total		1,818					

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) funded projects are addressing the early recovery needs of the war affected communities in the fields of livelihood, cash-for-work and transitional shelter so that the beneficiaries achieve some stability before they focus on their long term development.



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Creamer-funded project

Phase – I- Project period: October 2009 – Feb 2010

Phase – II- Project Period Feb 2011 ? Refer Quintus

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Completed	%	In progress	%
Transitional Shelter	CRS – Phase - I	Mannar	1,075	1,050	98%	Project Completed	
		Vanni	700	700	100%		
Total			1,775	1,750			
Livelihood	CRS – Phase - I	Mannar	892	862	97%		
		Vanni	750	758	101%		
		Trincomalee	200	200	100%		
		Batticaloa	200	200	100%		
Total			2,042	2,020	99%		
Cash-for-work	CRS – Phase - I	Mannar	17,500	17,500	100%		
		Vanni	10,000	10,000	100%		
Total			27,500	27,500	100%		
Livelihood	CRS – Phase - II	Mannar	762	762	100%	Completed	
		Vanni	750	-	-	750	100%
Total			1,512	762	100%	750	100%

Special Long Term Projects

These projects are of a longer term than the usual one-year duration that the EA programmes address, and their focus is on addressing the long term development needs of the community once the early recovery needs are catered to.

Misereor project–322–900/1080–Project period (January 2010–December 2011)

This programme addresses the early recovery needs of IDPs being resettled in the Musali DS Division in the Mannar District. The Musali DS Division is unique in that it is the only DS Division in the Northern Province where the Muslim community is in the majority. Being a coastal area, fishing is an important livelihood activity that is being supported by this project. Other sectors being supported are vocational training and psychosocial care.

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Completed	%	In progress	%
Livelihood	Misereor	Mannar	400	86	22%	314	78%
Total			400	86	22%	314	78%
Boats & Nets	Misereor	Mannar	45	?	?	?	?
Total			?	?	?	?	?
Vocational Training	Misereor	Mannar	150	44	29%	106	71%
Total			150	44	29%	106	71%
Psychosocial care	Misereor	Mannar	800	490	61%	310	39%
Total			800	490	61%	310	39%

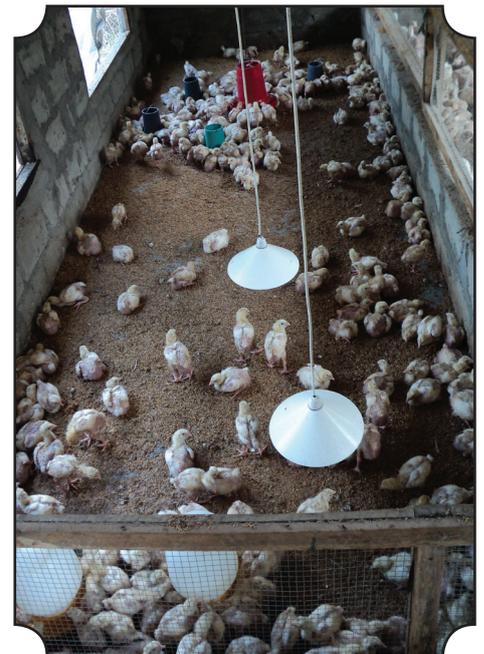
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Caritas Switzerland Project No-P 110068 – Reconstruction of Permanent Core Houses & Livelihoods – Project Period (January 2011–December 2012)

This project seeks to provide housing and livelihood in the fisheries sector for the families that have returned to their villages in the Kilinochchi District. A vocational training programme for youth, especially one which relates to the construction sector, is also included in the project.

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Completed	%	In progress	%
Semi permanent shelters with latrines	Caritas Swiss	Kilinochchi	275	-	-	35	13%
Total			275	-	-	35	13%
Boats with engines	Caritas Swiss	Kilinochchi	50	-	-	-	-
Total			50	-	-	-	-
Canoes and Nets	Caritas Swiss	Kilinochchi	20	-	-	-	-
Total			20	-	-	-	-
Vocational Training	Caritas Swiss	Kilinochchi	50	-	-	-	-
Total			50	-	-	-	-





Major floods in 2010 - 2011 and Caritas response

Very similar to the North-East displacement, another disaster was created in most parts of the county with floods / landslides that was brought about by the continuous torrential rain from the latter part of 2010 till the first two months of 2011. The country experienced continuous heavy downpours for several days that resulted in flash floods in the Districts of Batticaloa and Trincomalee in the Eastern Province: Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa in the North Central Province: Puttalam and Kurunegala in the Wayamba Province: Mannar, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi in the Northern Province and Badulla, Kandy & Nuwara Eliya in the Central Province.



Many tanks (reservoirs) overflowed and the threats to the reservoirs had compelled the authorities to open the sluice gates of several tanks all over the island. Additionally, several roads continued to be inundated with flood waters, challenging government-led assistance activities.

The impact of floods / landslides, especially in January and February 2011, were very severe as it recorded the highest number of affected population after the tsunami devastation of 2004. The floods / landslides in January affected over 1.1 million individuals (approximately 283,553 families). This was followed by the February floods with a toll of 1.2 million people (303,359 families). Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Ampara and Anuradhapura were once again the worst affected Districts.





Summary of Impact Assessment

1 st Phase (December – January 2011)			2 nd Phase (February 2011)		
Impact	Families	Persons	Impact	Families	Persons
Total affected	283,553	1,063,813	Total affected	303,350	1,129,146
Deaths	44		Deaths	18	
Houses damaged	Fully	Partially	Houses damaged	Fully	Partially
	8,000	26,000		10,000	33,800
Other damages					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paddy cultivation Livestock, including poultry (Batticaloa District alone) Loss of paddy cultivation Irrigation tanks and anicuts 		320,505 hectares 195,000 died 750,000 mt 522			
Damage estimated at the 1st Phase of floods - SL Rupees 40 billion (refer Sunday Times of 16/01/2011) Damage estimated at the 2nd Phase of floods is not yet published but it will be more than in the 1 st phase					

Caritas Sri Lanka, together with her flood / landslides affected DCs, immediately took action to support the affected community with the help of Caritas Internationalis and other Caritas Partners. On the first two days, Caritas provided cooked meals to the affected persons housed in schools, churches and temples in the affected areas. Later, it was followed by short term relief assistance like provision of dry rations, sanitary items and bottled water. The following table shows how Caritas Sri Lanka helped the flood / landslides affected DCs:

No	Type of Support	Families	Persons
1	Cooked Food	-	14,559
2	Dry rations	26,623	-
3	Non Food Items	2,766	?
4	Sanitary Items	-	2,516
5	Bottled water	-	1,450

? Refer Quintus

While seeking funds from the Caritas Confederation, we also initiated efforts to get the support from the Dioceses, Religious Congregations, schools and other like-minded organizations as in-kind contributions. Caritas received food and non-food items as well as bottled water as in-kind donations to the value of SL Rupees 1,263,354.00.



The CBDP concept in Caritas Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is affected by different kinds of natural hazards such as floods, cyclones, droughts, landslides and coastal sea erosions. Other localized hazards include lightning strikes, epidemics and the effects of environmental pollution. The country is also exposed to various other human-induced hazards which result from deforestation, indiscriminate coral destruction, sand and gem mining, industrial pollution and wild elephant menace.

The ever increasing frequency and intensity of natural as well as human-made destruction and the consequent damages have become a matter of concern for government and non-government agencies in Sri Lanka.

The millions of rupees that could be spent on development are spent on relief and rehabilitation in order to compensate the loss of lives, property and livelihood.

Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP) speaks of the shift from relief to preparedness or from disaster response to disaster management (mitigation). It speaks of reducing the vulnerability and increasing the capacity of the community. This is indeed a shift from the reactive to the proactive approach. There are many models of CBDP, but we in the Caritas Sri Lanka network are involved in a unique model of CBDP which primarily focuses on the change of people's mindset from dependency to self-reliance which will result in sustainable behavioral change and minimize the effects of various disasters.

During the past year, the **12** Diocesan Centres of Caritas Sri Lanka have selected villages based on the level of vulnerability and potential for any disasters. They have also conducted assessments, collected historical data of the disasters and documented such data. They have conducted seminars / workshops to raise awareness and capacity building on CBDP, involving key concepts, goals, objectives, benefits, barriers and risks, understanding hazards and disasters, characteristics of each main hazard, strategies for hazards and disaster response. With all such trainings and workshops, some model disaster villages will be established in the year 2013 when this program concludes. The objective is to choose in each Diocese a particular village which is prone to a specific disaster situation and to ensure that all possible knowledge of its circumstances, preventive methods and steps for preparedness as well as mitigation and management of the disaster are available to the people.



Psychosocial Programme

The continuing need for an appropriate psychosocial response towards the traumatized victims of war and tsunami has dictated that we sustain the training of psychosocial workers, including befrienders, counsellors and so on in several districts.

The services of a number of volunteers have been enlisted into the psychosocial support program in order to supplement the work being done already by the trained Diocesan staff, especially in Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Kurunegala, Colombo, Anuradhapura, Galle and Ratnapura. These volunteers have also been given necessary trainings through several workshops focusing on mental health, community psychosocial service and so on. In Trincomalee, these joint teams have undertaken visits to homes in several villages to collect data on persons who need psychosocial support and they have helped to refer many cases to the Mental Health Unit of the General Hospital, for further care. In Kurunegala, they have created a database of psychosocial service providers as well as persons in need of psychosocial services. In Batticaloa and Trincomalee, they have helped to form community support groups in the targeted villages.

Our Diocesan teams maintain close collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations such as the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Public Health Inspectors (PHI), Mental Health Units of the General Hospitals, Regional Directors of Health Services (RDHS), District Psychosocial Forums, Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA), Department of Health, Social Workers of DS Divisions, Sri Lanka Red Cross Society etc. A strong network is thus formed, enabling the sharing of knowledge and experience. The Diocesan Centres have implemented a wide range of activities to promote psychosocial wellbeing. Colombo Diocesan Seth Sarana held a 2-day residential program in Madampe for Sunday School teachers and volunteers on family relationship, interpersonal communication, stress management and spiritual living. Seth Sarana also conducted two programs for self-help group members on water therapy and one program on music therapy.

In Anuradhapura, Caritas Seth Saviya conducted separate programs on psychosocial wellbeing for groups of teachers, preschool teachers, Government officers, school children, pregnant mothers and entire families. Seth Saviya also held two psychosocial clinics in Kekirawa and Laksiriuyana with the assistance of Psychiatrists attached to the District Hospitals and the Public Health Inspectors.

EHED Trincomalee conducted educational workshops for students, youth and mothers to enlighten them. The students participated in psychosocial empowerment programs designed to create self-awareness, self-esteem, interpersonal relationships and social concern. Play therapy and group work were used as tools of instruction in these sessions. The workshops for youth focused on life skills, the importance of mental and physical health, leadership to influence the community in promoting positive mental health, causes of stress, symptoms of stress and the art of coping with stress. Mothers attended a session on psychosocial wellbeing, childcare, nutrition, personal hygiene and social responsibility.

In Ratnapura, Caritas Sethmini provided psychosocial counselling to help people to return to normalcy from stress and alcohol / drug addiction.



Caritas marks World Mental Health Day in Batticaloa

45 participants comprising of Caritas psychosocial workers and volunteers gathered recently in Batticaloa for a 5 - day Training of Trainers program as part of an on-going capacity building exercise arranged by Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC and hosted by EHED Batticaloa in Sathurukondan, from 6th to 10th October 2010.

One of the outstanding activities of this training session was a celebration of World Mental Health Day on 9th October 2010, held in the Base Hospital, Kalmunai with the participation of several medical personnel and psychosocial counselors. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney, National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka in the presence of Rev. Prof. T. Sritharan Sylvester, Director of EHED Batticaloa. The day's proceedings included several sessions where experts and professionals in this field made presentations on subjects such as 'Interventions in Mental Disorders in Mental Health', 'Multi disciplinary approach in mental health', 'Yoga and relaxation methods', 'Traditional and occupational interventions' and so on.

In his address on this occasion, Fr. George Sigamoney highlighted the fact that mental health is central to human dignity and that the whole world is commemorating World Mental Health Day in view of its significance and relevance to the Caritas integral human development program which seeks to bring about the holistic development of people and ensure their physical, mental and emotional well-being.





Projects Unit



The implementation of new activities under the overall development programme, designed in line with the Caritas Strategic Plan commenced in January 2010, and it presented a formidable challenge not only to the implementing Diocesan partners but also to the Projects Unit (PU) at the National Centre. As the responsibility for overall coordination of the Integral Human Development through Community Empowerment (IHDtCE) Programme rested with the PU, its main task was the facilitation, co-ordination, monitoring and reviewing of the entire IHDtCE programme in the 13 Diocesan Centres(DCs) which covered all nine Provinces of Sri Lanka.

The related functions involved:

- Orientation
- Capacity building
- Accompaniment, learning and sharing
- Monitoring field visits and reflection
- Quarterly reviews
- Progress reports
- Identifying areas for improvement
- Providing guidance on evaluation

Regular and periodic reviews, monitoring visits, consultation, providing guidance and the consolidation and finalization of quarterly and half-yearly reports were responsibilities of the PU.

Many constraints, however, had to be faced in the implementation of the IHDtCE program, especially in the North and East where the circumstances prevailing in the post-war period, especially the political



and security situations, presented certain limitations, particularly in peace-related activities. In this scenario, the PU staff had to journey closely with the respective Caritas Program Units and the Diocesan staff, providing attention and guidance. At the same time, the concerns of funding partners with regard to delays arising in the implementation of project activities and the submission of timely reports had to be addressed through constant updates and explanations.

Major events organized

The PU, in coordination with the SJ&SP Unit, provided services and hosted the Equitas Global Human Rights Education Programme South Asia Network Evaluation Meeting from 23rd - 26th November 2010 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



Significant achievements of the Projects Unit

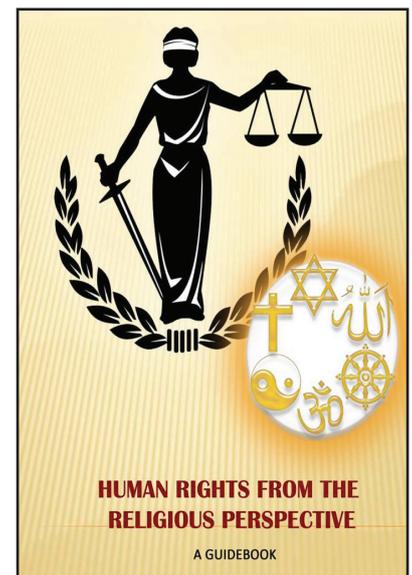
MOU prepared and signed for project EA 35/2009	Secured funding from Caritas Slovenia for Shelter & Livelihood Support to Displaced Families	LKR 9,000,000.00
MOU prepared and funds secured under Project EA 35/2009	Funding from Caritas Portugal for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Programme to Support IDP's in Vanni	LKR 87,100,000.00
Completed the Agreement and obtained funds from Equitas Canada	To conduct a TOT on "Human Dignity is the Basis for Upholding Human Rights – A Religious Perspective"	LKR 654,108.00
Prepared a Project Proposal and secured funds from Caritas Italiana	For the Lenten Education Programme	LKR 440,000.00
Prepared Proposal and secured funds for the Project "Psychological Intervention to the War/Flood Affected Persons" from Missio, Germany		LKR 2,371,500.00
Secured funding for a Project on Capacity Enhancement from CAFOD	Training for Caritas Sri Lanka Network Staff	LKR 1,685,483.00

Assistance to Dioceses, Parishes and Religious Congregations

A Project was developed and funds secured to the amount of Rs.263,088.00 to support capacity enhancement of a Training Hall facility in the Ratnapura Diocese.

Assisted the Religious Sisters of the Franciscan Solidarity for Peace & Reconciliation and recommended their project for the purpose of securing funds to establish Safe Homes & Sewing Centres for war widows in the village of Paranthan in Kilinochchi District and Gomarankadawala village in Trincomalee District.

In addition to all above, the Projects Unit continued to perform its established role of assisting other SEDEC Program Units and the Diocesan Centres in the concept and design of project proposals which reflect innovative approaches towards achieving the Caritas vision and mission.





Assistance is also given in the preparation of other important documentations which aid in enhancing the progress of various projects and programs.

The most notable among these were:

- Design and publication of the 'Guide Book on Human Rights from the Religious Perspective'
- Formulation of Memorandum of Understanding for fund disbursement by donors.
- Contribution to the Caritas Internationalis 'Consultation on the draft of CI Strategic Framework 2011-2015'



Special events and meetings



Sri Lanka Working Group (SLWG) Meeting

The Sri Lanka Working Group (SLWG) Meeting in October 2010 was held under the theme: "People's Power: Basis for Integral Human Development". The SLWG meeting is an annual event where all major funding partners come together to discuss and reflect on the different initiatives of Caritas Sri Lanka focusing on the poor and the marginalized. The SLWG Meeting 2010 made use of the opportunity to separately hold discussions on the specific role of partners and specific areas of concern for the Caritas Sri Lanka network.

This annual encounter with our Partners has always helped us to familiarize and update ourselves with the prevailing Sri Lankan context and reflect on the current issues that affect the people. As well, it serves to involve our Partners in planning and guiding Caritas Sri Lanka to respond to the identified issues. It also enables the Partners to assess the steps to be taken in providing resources and in accompanying Caritas Sri Lanka to achieve its vision and mission.

The SLWG Meeting held in August 2010 in Colombo drew the enthusiastic response of the following Partners: Caritas France Sequours Catholique, Caritas Korea, Cafod UK, Caritas Belgium, Misereor-Germany, Caritas Italiana, CCOOP- Canada, Caritas Australia, Caritas Switzerland and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

The two-day meeting, held under the theme "People's Power: Basis for Integral Development", featured inputs by specialist resource persons, group discussions and interaction among Partners and local Diocesan Caritas delegates.

The Caritas Sri Lanka Annual Report 2009-2010 was released at this event.







Capacity building program for Diocesan Directors

A team of Caritas Diocesan Directors, led by the National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC - Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney and accompanied by senior SEDEC officials, participated in a 10-day Workshop on Community Empowerment with Emphasis on Management of Microenterprises, held at the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center (MCTC) in Haifa, Israel.

The Workshop provided a comprehensive coverage of various aspects of microenterprise, such as " How to start a business", " How to make your product appealing", " Marketing and branding your business through social networks", " Psychological aspects of entrepreneurship", " Marketing trends at a time of change", "Social business entrepreneurship", and " The power of non verbal communication for social change".

The program also included exposure trips to an industrial park, a small business development center, various entrepreneurial initiatives and a study visit to Galilee. It was indeed a rich learning experience for the Caritas delegation from Sri Lanka whose members gained first hand experience on community empowerment, especially economic empowerment.





Partner visits to Sri Lanka



Mr Joeri Leysen and Mr Luc Van Hoef of Caritas Belgium visiting BDC Housing Project, Trincomalee



Ms. Mary Lucas and Ms Lucy Morris of CAFOD UK visiting Batticaloa



Ms Corin van Reeuwijk from Caritas Luxembourg discussing the Migrants' Programme



Ms Regina Wenk of Caritas Swiss on a Technical Monitoring visit to North and East



Ms Annina Feller of Caritas Swiss visiting with the Swiss Media Team



Rev Fr Stane Kerin of Caritas Slovenia visiting IDP Projects in the North



Mr Mathew Carter, Ms Collette Fearon and Ms Mary Lucas of CAFOD UK visiting IDP Programmes in the North



Ms Bettina Iseli, Mr Peter Zilman and Ms Annina Feller of Caritas Swiss visiting North and East



Ms Sadie visit to Galle - Priyantha to clarify ?



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Finance Unit



Finance workshop

A finance workshop was held in Kandy on 13th & 14th November 2010 for the Finance Staff of the 13 Diocesan Centres. 59 staff members participated.

The workshop helped the Staff to meet their counterparts of the National Centre and the Diocesan Centres.

The following were addressed during the workshop, which all appreciated, and they were able to enhance their knowledge.

1. An update on Tally Software delivered by the representative of ABS Computers. The staff was able to clarify the problems they faced.
2. Partner and the Manager from PriceWaterHouseCoopers delivered inputs on external and Internal Audit. The staff was able to bring forward the practical problems they faced.
3. Standard operating procedures & Finance operational procedures were presented by the Finance Advisor of Secours Catholique.
4. The Senior Finance Manager covered the areas of introductory Note, Capacity Building inputs, linking Programme Achievement with Finance Expenditure, matching of Indicators with programme, Accrual Accounting System as recommended by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, importance of the Finance and the importance of maintaining separate project accounts.

PROJECT OVERVIEW - 1 April 2010 to 31st March 2011 (Agency Wise)

Agency	Project	Amount(Rs.)	Total (Rs.)	%
Caritas Asia	Regional Programme for Sustainable Agriculture	148,332	148,332	0.02
The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP)	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009	31,498,875	39,827,133	4.53
	Promoting Social Justice and Sustainable Peace in Sri Lanka	2,682,888		
	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 2/2011	5,645,371		
Caritas Corea	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009	1,242,157	1,242,157	0.14
Caritas England and Wales - CAFOD	Livelihood Support for Vanni Returnees to Batticaloa	4,338,283	43,361,452	4.93
	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009	16,953,051		
	Housing & Water Harvesting Project - Batticaloa	13,346,618		
	Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	8,723,500		
Caritas France -Secours Catholic	Renovation of Vanni Office	8,074,260	110,754,260	12.60
	Programme for Tsunami affected and IDP beneficiaries	102,680,000		
Caritas Germany	Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	6,073,641	6,073,641	0.69



PROJECT OVERVIEW - 1 April 2010 to 31st March 2011 (Agency Wise) - cont..

Caritas International Belgium	War Affected IDP's Rest. Prog - BDC Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	77,186,326 3,014,009	80,200,335	9.12
Caritas Italiana	Caritas Chilaw Development Programme Children Programme - Jaffna Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009 Child Protection Policy Programme Children's Pilot Programme - Vanni	8,199,614 7,366,062 27,837,912 5,373,696 1,509,345	50,286,629	5.72
Caritas Japan	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 2/2011 Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	1,100,893 2,215,000	3,315,893	0.38
Caritas Luxembourg	Pre Departure and Post Arrival Assistance for Sri Lanka Women Migrant Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009	6,791,234 7,090,551	13,881,785	1.58
Caritas New Zealand	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009	3,978,690	3,978,690	0.45
Caritas Norway	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009 Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	48,866,189 1,921,806	50,787,996	5.78
Caritas Poland	Children's Sponsorship Programme	10,592,568	10,592,568	1.21
Caritas Portuguesa	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009	96,068,969	96,068,969	10.93
Caritas Slovenia	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009	13,094,617	13,094,617	1.49
Caritas Switzerland	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009 Reconstruction of Core Houses&Livelihood Support Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 2/2011	12,530,363 10,891,279 12,275,951	35,697,594	4.06
Catholic Relief Services - USCCCB	Creamer Project Hand Book for Awareness of Safe Migration Project No 1420 - Return and Resettlement for Conflict displaced IDP's Migrant Day Celebration & Research on Migrant Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	18,919,669 555,660 247,649,092 2,241,440 2,209,448	271,575,308	30.90



PROJECT OVERVIEW - 1 April 2010 to 31st March 2011 (Agency Wise) - cont..

CIDA - Canadian International Development Agency	Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	2,655,000	2,655,000	0.30
CORDAID	Human Rights Programme	2,731,000		
	Support to War Affected IDPs in Vavuniya District	5,336,567	8,067,567	0.92
Dave Tin	Step Up Sponsorship Programme	2,560,309	2,560,309	0.29
Equitas - International Center for Human Rights Education	Equitas -TOT Programme on Human Rights	654,108	654,108	0.07
IFES . INC	Strengthening Democracy in Sri Lanka - Exercising the Universal Franchise	4,751,789	4,751,789	0.54
MISEREOR	Rehabilitation , Livelihood enhancement and Psycho- Social activities of Northern IDP's	19,182,353		
	Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	4,565,930	23,748,282	2.70
SCAIF - Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund - Caritas Scotland	Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	1,758,650	1,758,650	0.20
Titular Archbishop of Singapore	Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	1,718,000	1,718,000	0.20
World Food Programme	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 35/2009	2,187,316	2,187,316	0.25
		878,988,380	878,988,380	100.00



PROJECT OVERVIEW - 1 April 2010 to 31st March 2011 (Project wise)

Agency	Project	Amount(Rs.)	Total(Rs.)	%
Caritas Chilaw Development Programme	Caritas Italiana	8,199,614	8,199,614	0.93
Child Protection Policy Programme	Caritas Italiana	5,373,696	5,373,696	0.61
Children Pilot Programme - Vanni	Caritas Italiana	1,509,345	1,509,345	0.17
Children Programme - Jaffna	Caritas Italiana	7,366,062	7,366,062	0.84
Children's Sponsorship Programme	Caritas Poland	10,592,568	10,592,568	1.21
Creamer Project	Catholic Relief Services - USCCCB	18,919,669	18,919,669	2.15
Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims - EA 01/2011	Caritas England and Wales - CAFOD	8,723,500	34,854,983	3.97
	Caritas Germany	6,073,641		
	Caritas International Belgium	3,014,009		
	Caritas Japan	2,215,000		
	Caritas Norway	1,921,806		
	CIDA - Canadian International Development Agency	2,655,000		
	Catholic Relief Services - USCCCB Misereor	2,209,448		
	SCAIF - Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund - Caritas Scotland	4,565,930		
	Titular Archbishop of Singapore	1,718,000		
Hand Book for Awareness of Safe Migration	Catholic Relief Services - USCCCB	555,660	555,660	0.06
Housing & Water Harvesting Project - Batticaloa	Caritas England and Wales - CAFOD	13,346,618	13,346,618	1.52
Human Rights Programme	CORDAID	2,731,000	2,731,000	0.31
Livelihood Support for Vanni Returnees to Batticaloa	Caritas England and Wales - CAFOD	4,338,283	4,338,283	0.49
Migrant Day Celebration & Research on Migrant	Catholic Relief Services - USCCCB	2,241,440	2,241,440	0.26
Pre Departure and Post Arrival Assistance for Sri Lanka Women Migrant	Caritas Luxembourg	6,791,234	6,791,234	0.77
Programme for Tsunami affected and IDP beneficiary	Caritas France -Secours Catholique	102,680,000	102,680,000	11.68
Project No 1420 - Return and Resettlement for Conflict displaced IDP's	Catholic Relief Services - USCCCB	247,649,092	247,649,092	28.17
Promoting Social Justice and Sustainable Peace in Sri Lanka	The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace -CCODP	2,682,888	2,682,888	0.31
Reconstruction of Core Houses and Livelihood Support	Caritas Switzerland	10,891,279	10,891,279	1.24
Rehabilitation Livelihood enhancement and Psychosocial activities of Northern IDP's	Misereor	19,182,353	19,182,353	2.18
Relief and Rehabilitation Programme EA 2/2011	Caritas Japan Caritas Switzerland Caritas Canada - Development &Peace	1,100,893 12,275,951 5,645,371	19,022,215	2.16



PROJECT OVERVIEW - 1 April 2010 to 31st March 2011 (Project wise) - cont..

Relief and Rehabilitation Programme EA 35/2009	Caritas England and Wales - CAFOD	16,953,051		
	Caritas Corea	1,242,157		
	Caritas Italiana	27,837,912		
	Caritas Luxembourg	7,090,551		
	Caritas New Zealand	3,978,690		
	Caritas Norway	48,866,189		
	Caritas Portuguesa	96,068,969		
	Caritas Schweiz	12,530,363		
	Caritas Slovenia	13,094,617		
	Caritas Canada - Development & Peace	31,498,875		
	World Food programme	2,187,316	261,348,690	29.73
Renovation of Vanni Office	Caritas France -Secours Catholic	8,074,260	8,074,260	0.92
Regional Programme for Sustainable Agriculture	Caritas Asia	148,332	148,332	0.02
Step Up Sponsorship Programme - J&G	Dave Tin	2,560,309	2,560,309	0.29
Strengthening Democracy in Sri Lanka ; Exercising the Universal Franchise	IFES . INC	4,751,789	4,751,789	0.54
Support to War Affected IDPs in Vavuniya District	CORDAID	5,336,567	5,336,567	0.61
TOT Programme on Human Rights	Equitas - International Center for Human Rights Education	654,108	654,108	0.07
War Affected IDP's Rest. Prog - BDC	Caritas International Belgium	77,186,326	77,186,326	8.78
		878,988,380	878,988,380	100.00



Appreciation





Caritas Sri Lanka and the Diocesan Centres appreciate the cooperation, assistance and encouragement we received from all the partners who support our endeavours:

- 1 Caritas Internationalis
- 2 Caritas Asia
- 3 Caritas Aotearoa – New Zealand
- 4 Caritas Australia
- 5 Caritas Belgium
- 6 Caritas Canada – Development & Peace
- 7 Caritas Corea
- 8 Caritas Denmark
- 9 Caritas England & Wales / CAFOD
- 10 Caritas Espanola - Spain
- 11 Caritas France – Secours Catholique
- 12 Caritas Germany - Deutscher Caritasverband
- 13 Caritas Italiana
- 14 Caritas Japan
- 15 Caritas Luxembourg
- 16 Caritas Norway
- 17 Caritas Poland
- 18 Caritas Portugal
- 19 Caritas Scotland – Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF)
- 20 Caritas Singapore
- 21 Caritas Slovenia
- 22 Caritas Switzerland
- 23 Belgium Development Corporation (BDC)
- 24 Canada International Development Agency (CIDA)
- 25 Catholic Bishops' Conference of Italy
- 26 Catholic Relief Services (CRS – USA)
- 27 CHARIS – Singapore
- 28 CORDAID
- 29 MISEREOR
- 30 Missio
- 31 MIVA
- 32 State Government of Victoria
- 33 Stitching ACNS Projectgrope
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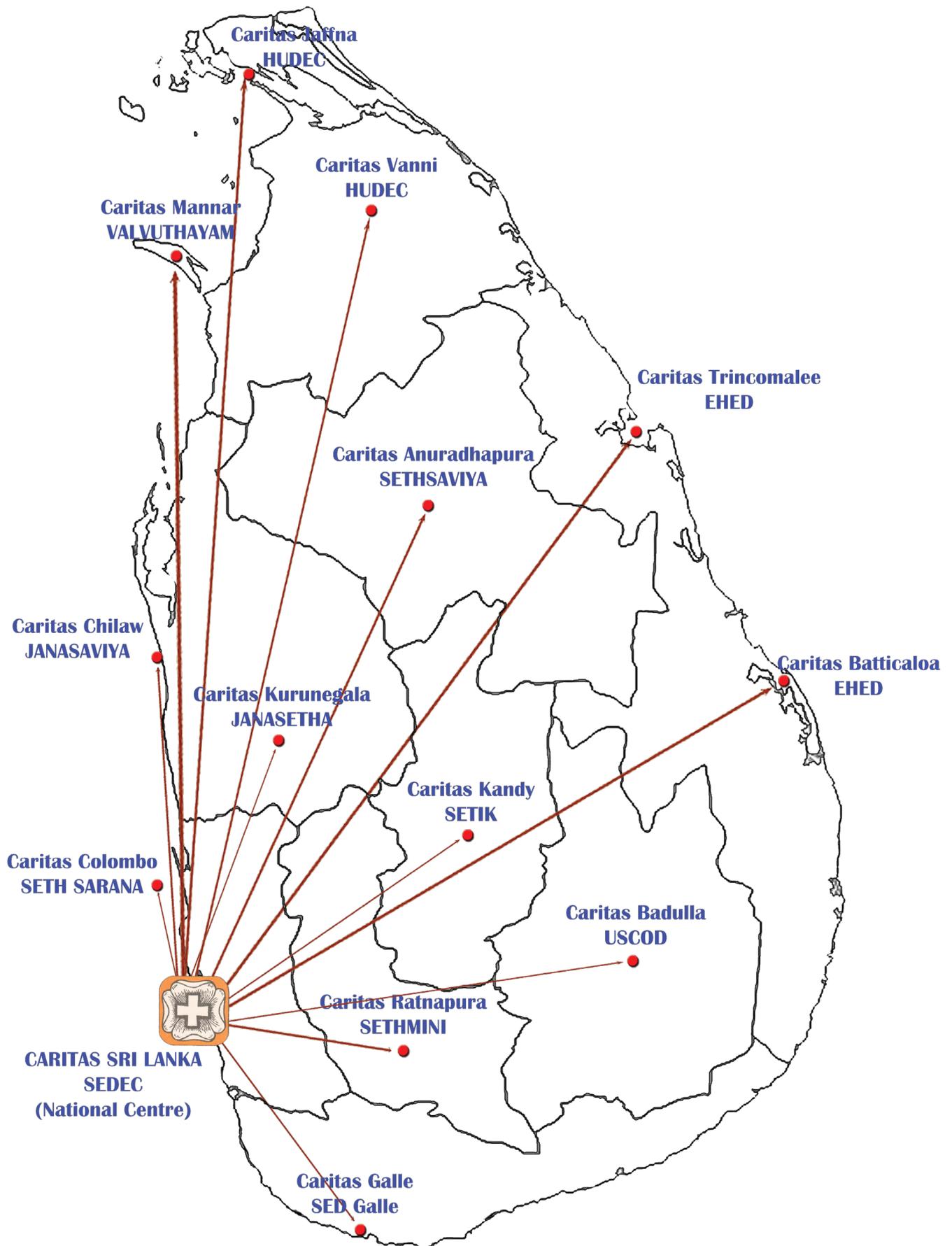
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Extra informations ...



**Partners' visit to Caritas Sri Lanka on DRM Programmes
April 2010 to March 2011.07.11**

Period	Name of the Partner	Name of the Organization	Purpose of the Visit	Visited to
May 2010	Mr Joeri Leysen Mr Luc Van Hoef	Caritas Belgium	Monitoring visit & BDC Housing	Mannar, Trincomalee & Batticaloa
June 2010	Ms Darya Rekdal	Caritas Norway	Monitoring visit regarding Norwegian Govt. Funded project- rehabilitation of the traumatized program	Mannar
July 2010	Ms Mary Lucas, Mr Mathew Carter Ms Collect	CAFOD	CAFOD funded IDP Programmes in the North	North
Aug. 2010	Ms Sady Sinyrl	Caritas Scotland	Tsunami livelihood project in the Diocesan Centres.	Colombo, Trincomalee & Galle
	Ms Betina Mr Regina Ms Annina Feller	Caritas Swiss	Swiss programme	North / East and North Central
Sept. 2010	Rev Fr Stane Kerin	Caritas Slovenia	War IDPs in the North	North
Oct. 2010	Ms Barbara Trachel	CCODP	Monitoring visit regarding war affected IDPs	
	Ms Lucy Morris	CAFOD		
	Ms Kesuma Saddak Sr Stephen Murkens Mr Peter Muke	Misereor	Monitoring Visit & Capacity Build- ing Programme	Mannar
	Mr Joeri Leysen Mr Luc Van Hoef	Caritas Belgium	BDC Housing Visits	Trincomalee, Mannar & Batticaloa
Nov. 2010	Ms Annina Feller	Caritas Swiss	Caritas Swiss coordinated a Swiss media team for propaganda for fund raising	
	Mr Nick Hartman Ms Martino Ziback (Media Team)	Swiss Solidarity	Swiss Media Team visited for propaganda for fund raising	Anuradhapura, Trincomalee & Batticaloa
Feb. 2011	Ms Regina Wenk	Caritas Swiss	Technical Monitoring visits	Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Anuradhapura & Trincomalee



Major events organized

The PU, in coordination with the SJ&SP Unit, provided services and hosted the Equitas Global Human Rights Education Programme South Asia Network Evaluation Meeting from 23rd - 26th November 2010 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Under the Capacity Building component of IHDtCE, an opportunity was availed of by all Diocesan Directors of the Caritas Sri Lanka network to attend a program on "Community Empowerment with Emphasis on Management of Micro Enterprises", at the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Institute, Haifa, Israel from 7th - 17th February 2011.



ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED - IHDP UNIT(– 2010-2011)

1. Project on Pre-departure and Post-arrival Assistance for Sri Lankan Women Migrant Workers Middle – East Region (funded by Caritas Luxemburg)

This was initiated with the goal of ensuring respect for the human rights of Sri Lankan migrant workers in their country of origin and in the country of destination. This Project is implemented in the Dioceses of Kurunegala, Kandy, Anuradapura and Galle.

The first three months of the Project was designed to train the project staff to build their capacity to work on Migrants issues.

Inter diocese exposure programme were held at Kandy and Kurunegala DCs during the period. The participants were able to get a better knowledge about, the coordination role of DCs with other units and relevant organizations, process of the service for the migrant workers and to their families, activities of 'Rakawarana Hawla' (Migrant returnees' gathering) and it's progress etc at these exposures.

2. Project on Safe Migration & Preventing Human Trafficking (Caritas Italiana funded)

2.1. Leaflets on child trafficking

Two handouts were published on child trafficking. It contains the information to aware the children and parents on child trafficking and contact information to inform on child trafficking/ abuse incidences. The information regarding the law pertaining to trafficking is also included in the leaflet. The handout on was circulated to all the DC to use for training on preventing child trafficking.

- A docu-drama was produced to aware the vulnerable communities on cost of migration especially for women who migrate as domestic workers to Middle East Countries. Veteran film director Mohan Niyaz directed the docu-drama and was premiered at the International Migrants Day Commemoration held on 17th December at SEDEC.

2.2. National level workshop for Community Leaders on Safe Migration and Preventing Human Trafficking

Sri Lankan migrants specially the women who migrate to Middle East countries as house maids, face many issues due to their ignorance of safe migration. In order to make the general public aware regarding these issues, two programmes for community leaders were conducted in both Tamil and Sinhala medium.

First programme was held in Tamil medium on 24th February 2011 at Rajabima centre, Anuradhapura. The participants were the community leaders representing the Dioceses of Jaffna, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Mannar & Badulla. 33 Community Leaders participated in this programme.

The second programme was held in Sinhala Medium on 23rd March 2011 at the Upper Conference Hall – SEDEC. The participants were the selected leaders representing the Dioceses of Colombo, Galle, Anuradhapura, Ratnapura, Chilaw & Badulla. 27 Community Leaders participated in this pro-



gramme.

Mr. Suresh Kumara from the SLFBE Sociology Division was the resource person for the both programmes.

2.3. Half Day Preventive Education programme to empower vulnerable female workers

A programme was held at Punnyakami Vidyalaya, Attidiya, Dehiwala on 15th of February 2011 for the parents of the students. These parents represented the lower class society who acquires a meagre income where they are very much vulnerable to social issues as trafficking. Inspector of Police Manoj Samarasinghe of the Bureau Women and Children was the resource person where he made aware about trafficking as well as the malfunctions of the society and on how to protect their children from them. About 80 parents participated in this programme.

3. Pan Asia Programme against Trafficking of women and Children (Funded by Caritas Asia)

3.2. Women's Committee Meeting

The Women's Committee which was formed on the Women day 2010 held two meetings. First was held on 17th July 2010 and 2nd meeting was held on 23.09.2010. These meeting were taken as an opportunity to discuss issues such as sexual abuses, ignorance of mothers, lack of education, abortions, drug abuse, young mothers etc

3.3. Seminar for school children

Two Seminars were held for school children to aware them on human trafficking. First programme was held at "Peradeniya Hindu College" with the participation of 170 children where many children come from Estates in the tea plantation Sector. Second programme was held at Amithirigala Maha Vidyalaya, Rathnapura. 125 School Children and teachers participated in this programme.

3.4. Awareness Programme for Religious Leaders

An Awareness Programme for Religious Leaders was held at SEDEC Auditorium on the concept of trafficking. Topics which were discussed, included the responsibility of the society towards women, abortions, legal aspects of trafficking, educating the children as well as their parents on trafficking etc.

3.5. Essay Competition on Child Trafficking and Child Labour

An island wide essay competition was held for school children aged 12 - 13 and 14 -16 years in both Sinhala and Tamil medium. An advertisement briefing the child trafficking and child labour was published in a weekly children's news papers as an advocacy prior to the competition. It encouraged the children to be more interested about this issue and to search for more information regarding child trafficking which makes them knowledgeable.

12 winners were selected and consolation prizes were given to 40 students from the total of 400 essays received.



3.6. Awareness Programme for War-widows

A programme was conducted for war widows. 20 widows from Anuradapura Diocese and 20 widows from Mannar Diocese participated in this programme.

Main objective of this programme was to understand the experience that women go through during the war, to help women learn to cope with loss of many types and to understand trends of people's experience of the process of the benefits or changes they experience.

Sharing a Listening a Recognizing.

4 International Migrants' Day Celebration and Research Study (Funded by CRS)

The International Migrants Day was commemorated on 17th December 2010 at Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC Auditorium. Hon. Prof G. L. Peiris, MP, Minister of External Affairs was the chief guest since our main objective was to develop and strengthen the relationship with the Foreign Ministry in order to initiate policy advocacy to reduce the issues on migration and trafficking. His Excellency, Msgr. Joseph Spiteri, Apostolic Nuncio for Sri Lanka and Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Swampillai, Vice Chairman of the Justice, Peace and Human Development Commission also graced the occasion representing the Catholic Church.

Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE), NGOs who works for migrant Issues, clergy, migrant returnees and Diocesan coordinators who work for the migration issues participated in this programme. Minister in his speech pointed out the issues in relation to migration such as diverse contracts signed at two destinations, falsifying documents by the agencies and the steps that can be taken to avoid them. He also pointed out the importance of systematic training especially in regard to Arabic language which will help the migrant be familiarized with the culture. Since there are lot other issues erupting due to the separation from the family the women can also choose a different option such as self employment. Minister ending his speech concluded that the government is prepared to extend its fullest support for the success of the efforts taken by Caritas Sri Lanka in relation to Migration.

Ms. Dinusha Lakmali Rajapathirana a well known TV presenter, who had worked on these issues, shared her experiences. She also facilitated a discussion with Ms. Ariyawathi, Ms. Rajakumari, (migrant returnees) and Mr. Samantha who are affected by migration, to bring up their experiences.

A Docu- Drama titled " Hiru Avith" (produced with the support of Caritas Italiana) was premiered and 2 books were launched on "Case Studies & Safe Migration" and also research findings document was submitted to the authorities.

5. Hand book on safe migration

A handbook was published on safe migration in Sinhala, Tamil & English medium to provide appropriate information to migrant workers/community leaders who are involved in the "Safe Migration" Projects of



Caritas Sri Lanka, to ensure that migration to overseas be undertaken for the right purpose with proper knowledge and guidance, including information on the law of trafficking to help them meet the expected goal.

The booklet was published in collaboration with Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment. This booklet provides almost all the required basic details for migrant workers to prepare for safe migration. It is expected to reduce the incidents of unprepared migrations to a greater extent with the help of booklet.

6 Case study booklet – Hopes & Dreams

The booklet which was named “Hopes and Dreams” included 16 case studies where it reflects the hopes and dreams and the sufferings of the migrant workers. This book was published in English Medium with the objective of Advocacy and Lobbying in the International Arena. The booklet would be useful for the Organizations around the world who works on the migrant issues and pressurize the states around the world .

7 Research study on “Causes for Migration of Sri Lankan Women and Analysis of Post-arrival Assistance Provided to Affected Migrants”

The research was conducted in six Districts namely Ampara, Anuradhapura, Colombo, Nuwara Eliya, Puttalam, and Vavuniya covering East, North Central, Western, Central, North Western and Northern Provinces. There were 122 respondents from all the districts, a minimum of 20 per district.

The objectives of the Research included ;

- To determine reasons for migration in order to develop a programme that responds to the causes
- To understand the reasons behind the deaths and other harassments of Sri Lankan migrant workers abroad
- To gain a better understanding of the situation of affected migrant returnees
- To assess the status and nature of post-arrival assistance provided to affected migrant returnees
- To determine household and community assets and opportunities which may encourage families to stay
- To determine the policy-level and programmatic implications of the findings
- To determine the shocks, cycles, and trends in the country’s regions which may push individuals to migrate

8 Project on Sustainable Agriculture and Farmers’ Rights (Funded by Caritas Asia)

National Farmers’ Conferences was held in April 2010 at diocese of Anuradhapura. The conference was mainly focusing on promoting farmers’ seed rights. Basic knowledge on seeds and seed rights and the policies related to seeds were discussed in detail at the FC. Sharing the best practices on sustainable agriculture methods was another aspect focused at the conference. Farmer leaders got the basic knowledge on seeds as planting material, hybrid seeds and seed market in Sri Lanka.

Policies related to farmers’ seed rights in Sri Lanka was analyzed and got to know that the policies are not farmer favorable. Diocesan level plans were also developed on the sustainable agriculture programmes and promoting farmers’ seed rights at the conference.



67 farmers participated at the National Farmers' Conferences of which 21 were female farmers. Farmers who participated at the conferences have been able to convey the concepts of sustainable agriculture at grass roots level. Discussions on seed rights have given the farmers fair amount of knowledge on existing situation at the seed market in Sri Lanka. It paved the way to develop a network of farmers who are very much interested in using traditional seeds and sustainable agriculture practices.

National farmers' Conference, 2010

Farmer trainings on organic agriculture were conducted at Gemi Seva Sevana, Galaha in Sinhala and Tamil mediums. Training in Sinhala medium was conducted on 26-28 November and the Tamil medium training was held on 1-3 November 2010. About 60 farmers participated in both the trainings.

Farmers' were made aware on basic organic agriculture practices at the trainings and special attention was given to farmers' seed rights. Resource persons from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Animal Production & Health and experts of the Gemi Seva Sevana conducted the programme. Trainings consisted of both theory and practical for better understanding of the concepts.

9 Celebration of 'International Women's Day'

The International Women's Day was celebrated with the vulnerable women from the Attidiya area on 8th March 2011 at S.D.S Jayasinghe Memorial Hall, Municipal Council, Dehiwala – Mt-Lavinia from 2.30p.m to 5.00p.m.

About 400 urban poor women participated in this programme where they were able to obtain an input in regard to women's role in the society, about womanhood, the changing role of the women etc. This programme was conducted with hope that this knowledge will be a beam to enlighten their lives. Mrs. Peral Weerasinghe, Commissioner General of Sri Lanka Labour Department and many other resource persons provided inputs at the event.

10. Integral Human Development through Community Empowerment Programme

Capacity building programmes conducted for all the diocesan staff of IHDTCE on community empowerment. Three workshops conducted regionally in this regard, one in Tamil and two in Sinhala. Concept of community empowerment, improving the knowledge base of the community, group formation, usage of participatory techniques in improving the knowledge base of the community were the points discussed at the trainings. A guide book on community empowerment process was also developed for easy reference of the project staff.

- Capacity building programme conducted at Kurunegala