

# Empowering the poor - A way out of Hunger and Poverty



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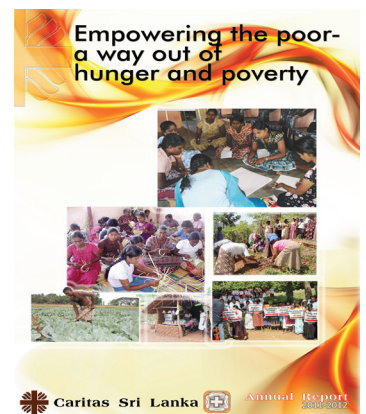
## Vision:

“Realization of a just Sri Lankan society based on the Gospel Values of Love, Forgiveness, Peace, Unity and Equality – lived, promoted and protected irrespective of caste, creed and nationality”.

## Mission:

“Empowering people through animation and being in solidarity in their efforts for Integral Human Development”.

## Cover Story



Empowerment is not giving people power:  
people already have plenty of power,  
in the wealth of knowledge and motivation, to do their jobs  
magnificently.

*We define empowerment as letting this power out.*

Empowerment encourages people to gain the skills and  
knowledge that will allow them to overcome obstacles in their  
life or work environment and ultimately helps them to develop  
themselves.



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# Director's Message

**Poverty** is many things.

It dehumanizes people. It aggravates social inequality. It is a threat to world peace.

Otherwise, how could it be that a small percentage of the world's population controls such a large part of the world's wealth and resources? How could it be that the gap between the rich and the poor is widening at an alarming rate?

Pope Benedict XVI recently told Ambassadors to the Holy See: "When poverty coexists with the very rich, a perception of unfairness is born that can become a source of rebellion. It is therefore appropriate that States ensure that the social laws do not increase inequalities and enable people to live decently".

President of Caritas Internationalis, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga told a Caritas Asia General Assembly in June this year that an unjust global system "which rewards the rich and excludes the poor is divisive. It raises questions for people regarding their own value, the position they may hold and their usefulness. Some people, the weakest and the least efficient, may feel that their reasons for existing in the world are being questioned".

An international Caritas Congress held in Vienna, also in June this year, used the meeting as a platform to adopt the "Ten Commandments for a Future Without Hunger", namely:

- Contribute towards everyone on earth having enough to eat
- Do not speculate away your neighbour's bread
- Do not fill your tank with the food that hungry people need to eat
- Honour the earth and work to combat climate change, so that you will live a long life and so as to give yourself and all the people on earth a better life
- Live so that your own lifestyle is not at the cost of others
- Do not covet your neighbour's land and property
- Use your agricultural policy to reduce hunger and not to increase it
- Take action against corrupt governments and their proxies
- Help prevent armed conflicts and wars
- Fight hunger effectively through development aid

Our own Sri Lanka, struggling to rise to its feet after 30 years of a crippling war, has its share of social inequalities. The standard of living enjoyed by people in the major cities and towns is far above that of people living in rural villages, the war affected regions and the plantation areas where real growth is relatively slow despite large scale







development projects taking place there. Numerous families living in these areas find themselves lagging behind the others in the achievement of reasonable expectations. Poor farmers, estate workers and even several migrant returnees are among those who are struggling to find the means for basic living.

Caritas Sri Lanka has been working with these sectors of the population for several decades. We have stood with many of them in their darkest hour and we still try to be a voice for the marginalized, the oppressed and the voiceless. Our Integral Human Development approach has made a remarkable change in their lives. Through our empowerment programs, we have reached out to grass root level communities in the belief that people have the capacity to rebuild their own lives. Our group formation methodology has brought thousands of them together in small clusters where we help them to evaluate their own life situations and to take decisions that will lead to better living conditions for their families. They have learnt to pool their voices together and ask for the right to decent living. They are prepared to question the systems that keep them where they are, and they want answers to those questions. No more do they want to be part of the problem. They want to be part of the solution.

It is to the spirit and courage of these people that we dedicate this Annual Report under the theme: EMPOWERING THE POOR – A WAY OUT OF HUNGER AND POVERTY.

Fr George Sigamoney  
National Director  
Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC





## **Integral Human Development through Community Empowerment**

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Community empowerment as a way to achieve holistic human development is the underlying principle of the IHD Program and it seeks to make poor, marginalized and vulnerable communities the actors of their own social transformation. Organising the community, building their capacity and directing them towards policy advocacies to claim and defend their rights are some of the methodologies adopted in this empowerment approach.

### Organizing the community

Through the Caritas Diocesan Centres, more than 1,200 Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed in several Districts, touching the lives of over 18,000 women, men and children. These SHGs have mobilized substantial sums in savings and also in credit schemes such as revolving loan funds. Besides, the members of SHGs are encouraged to participate in social analysis and decision making, as well as to engage in advocacy and lobbying actions.

No	Name of Diocesan Centre	No of Villages	No. of Small Groups	No. of Group Members/Beneficiaries	No. of CBOs formed	No. of Federations	No. of Welfare Societies/ Youth and Children	Total no of other society members	
1	Caritas Batticaloa	36	311	2,716	34	5	15	666	3,382
2	Caritas Anuradhapura	58	152	1,086	17	2	9	1,359	2,445
3	Caritas Jaffna	21	62	1,056	20	15	21	864	1,920
4	Caritas Colombo	40	188	1,811	-	5	-	-	1,811
5	Caritas Galle	55	121	1,793	-	-	-	-	1,793
6	Caritas Chilaw	21	60	1,691	6	4	18	-	1,691
7	Caritas Badulla	17	68	809	6	-	15	427	1,236
8	Caritas Kurunegala	15	48	960	-	-	-	-	960
9	Caritas Kandy	16	64	844	16	4	3	-	844
10	Caritas Mannar	8	33	384	8	-	8	320	704
11	Caritas Ratnapura	20	37	340	5	-	13	345	685
12	Caritas Trincomalee	20	99	566	5	-	-	-	566
<b>Total</b>		<b>327</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>14,056</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>3,981</b>	<b>18,037</b>

NOTE: 1. These are details as at 31st March 2012

2. In Vanni, this program has been started in January 2012





## Capacity building of Caritas staff

Diocesan Coordinators, Animators and Field Officers engaged in the empowerment program were trained through several workshops conducted on subjects such as micro credit, livelihood support, advocacy and lobbying in order to equip them with the necessary skills to implement a wide range of programs at grass root level.



## Engagement with farmers

A two-day National Farmers' Conference organized by the National Centre in collaboration with Caritas Anuradhapura Sethsaviya was held in Polonnaruwa with the objective of establishing a national forum to discuss issues faced by farmers and to initiate a country-wide network of farmers.



Three farmers belonging to Caritas groups in Jaffna, Vanni and Chilaw, along with two Program Officers from the National Centre, attended the South Asia Farmers' Conference in Nepal and gained valuable knowledge on sustainable agricultural practices.

## Safe Migration and Prevention of Human Trafficking

An important dimension of the IHD Program is our continuing emphasis on Safe Migration. With the ever increasing numbers of migrant workers leaving Sri Lanka for foreign employment, especially the large proportion of female domestic workers to Middle East countries, there has been an attendant increase in the



number of cases of exploitation, forced labour, sexual harassment, cruelty, violence and even death for some of the unfortunate victims of these violations (See Chart below taken from Central Bank of Sri Lanka Annual Report 2011 - 2012). The growing specter of human trafficking has compounded these issues.

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<b>Employment</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>2010</b>		<b>2011(a)</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per cent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
Total Placement	247,126	100.0	267,507	100.0	262,960	100.0
By Source						
Licensed Agents	156,567	63.3	160,498	60.0	146,456	55.7
Other	90,559	36.7	107,009	40.0	116,504	44.3
By Gender						
Male	119,381	48.3	136,860	51.2	135,870	51.7
Female	127,745	51.7	130,657	48.8	127,090	48.3
By Manpower Category						
Professional	2,832	1.1	3,057	1.1	3,835	1.5
Middle Level	6,388	2.6	6,884	2.6	6,106	2.3
Clarical and Related	6,719	2.7	7,923	3.0	9,888	3.8
Skilled Labour	61,321	24.8	71,537	26.7	67,703	25.7
Semi Skilled Labour	6,015	2.4	4,932	1.8	4,169	1.6
Unskilled Labour	50,173	20.3	60,422	22.6	63,443	24.1
Housemaid	113,678	46.0	112,752	42.1	107,816	41.0
<i>(a) Provincial</i>		<i>Source: Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment</i>				

The need was therefore felt to strengthen our current responses to this situation. Several awareness programs were conducted on the devious methods by which human trafficking takes place today and how to prevent it. Police officers, school children, war affected women, Caritas staff and even Clergy and Religious participated in this awareness creation campaign. At the same time, capacity building training was provided to Diocesan Coordinators and Animators on Safe Migration techniques and pre-departure and post-arrival assistance for migrant workers. A Panel Discussion was also held with academics, undergraduates and NGO representatives about the social welfare of migrants and their families.

Meantime, a public campaign was initiated to distribute handbills highlighting the need for the job contracts of migrant workers to be made available to them in the native languages instead of only in English and Arabic languages as presently done. This is to enable them to correctly understand their terms of employment before signing the contracts. Following the distribution of handbills, a signature campaign would be undertaken to obtain 10,000 signatures from the general public in support of this cause.

These wide-ranging activities are carried out with the help of our Partners who support our initiatives in this important area of work:

- Promotion of Safe Migration of Women Domestic Migrant Workers in Sri Lanka, supported by





Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Its goal is to secure the human rights and safety of Sri Lanka women migrants travelling abroad and to develop the competencies of aspirant migrants to follow proper channels of migration.

- Safe Migration of Women Domestic Migrant Workers and Prevention of Human Trafficking, supported by Caritas Italiana. Its goal is to promote an enabling environment for decent employment for women domestic workers, to safeguard their rights and to work towards changes in migration policy in such a way that it is amended or developed to support safe migration.
- Pre-departure and Post-arrival Assistance for Sri Lankan Women Migrant Workers, supported by Caritas Luxembourg. Its goal is to ensure respect for the human rights of Sri Lankan migrant workers in their country of origin and in the country of destination, and to support and assist returnee women migrant workers and their families in social and economic integration.

### **International Migrants Day**

**“Opportunities and challenges in migration”** was the theme of the Caritas event held in Colombo to mark International Migrants’ Day on 17th December 2011 with the participation of the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, Hon. Dilan Perera, Member of Parliament.

Caritas Sri Lanka on this occasion declared that our migrant workers should not be permitted to be exploited, exposed and abused. Also highlighted were our failure to hold Governments responsible for the safety and welfare of migrants, and our right to demand full and proper implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Their Families.



Minister Dilan Perera in his remarks said that the question of imposing a ban on Sri Lankan housemaids going abroad for work has often been brought up in many quarters and that he himself was ready to take such a step if necessary.

However, since several others are not in favour of a total ban of that nature, he was now working on steps meant to discourage Sri Lankan women from going to work as housemaids in other countries. As an initial move, the age limit was raised from 18 to 21, and over the next few years it is envisaged to bring the age limit up to 30, even though some resistance could be expected for such an increase.

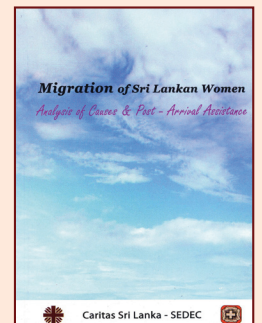
Analyzing some of the causes for the various kinds of problems faced by Sri Lankan housemaids



abroad, the Minister said that one of the important factors is that 99 per cent of them are women who have never left their surroundings before and are highly inexperienced. This is further compounded by the fact that their first job is in a foreign country, away from their families and in a vastly different environment with an unfamiliar culture, especially with regard to language, food, clothes, customs and so on.



A research booklet published by Caritas Sri Lanka, titled **“Migration of Sri Lankan Women—Analysis of Causes and Post-arrival Assistance”**, was released at this event.



The study was undertaken as an extensive research across several Districts in the country and involved meeting with several Governmental and Non-governmental agencies, interviewing migrant returnees to capture their stories of both success and failure, analyzing the relevant issues and finally coming up with important recommendations which will help surmount the numerous problems that have made migration such a hazardous undertaking and unhappy experience for many Sri Lankan women.

### Program for children of women migrant workers

Nearly 300 children of women domestic migrant workers are part of a special Caritas program aimed at supporting them in various ways. They belong to children's groups which have been formed in







the Dioceses of Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Badulla, Galle, Kurunegala, Anuradhapura and Ratnapura as part of the drive to ensure Safe Migration practices.

The Diocesan animators and volunteers who supervise this program assist the children by listening to them and understanding their problems, as well as by helping them to develop interpersonal skills. Each of the 14 groups formed in the seven Dioceses has an average membership of 15–20 children in the age group 6–13 who have been enrolled without any distinction of religion or ethnicity. They are encouraged to meet every other week for various activities such as singing, games and competitions as well as guidance in the building of values.



These groups, started in January 2012, are presently located in Navatkerny Kannaki Vidyalayam and Kumarapuram village (Batticaloa), Agarathana School and Poonagala Estate (Badulla), Thanganagar Sebaghavalai Vidyalayam, Nadutheevu Saddam Vidyalayam and Safinagar Imam Muslim Vidyalayam (Trincomalee), Panawatte Estate and Degalhasa Estate (Ratnapura), Kumaragama and Divalankadawala (Anuradhapura), Devatagama (Galle) and Radellagodawatte and Madallegama (Kurunegala).

### **International Women's Day (IWD) 2012**

A group of around 40 novices in Sister Formation and female staff of Caritas Sri Lanka participated in an IWD event held on 8th March in the SEDEC Auditorium to mark International Women's Day.

Ms Udani Gunawardene, Attorney-at-Law from the International Organisation of Migrants (IOM) facilitated a discussion on 'Laws that affect women in Sri Lanka'. Thereafter, Rev Sr Ushani Perera and Ms Lankika Fernando of the SEDEC Women's Desk led an interactive session on the current situation of women in Sri Lanka.







## Encounter for war widows

A group of 79 war widows from Mannar and Anuradhapura Dioceses gathered in Sevanapitiya, Polonnaruwa on 18th & 19th August 2011 for a solidarity- building program. This was a follow-up to a similar program held earlier where around 40 widows shared their experiences.

The SEDEC Women's Desk, in coordination with Caritas Anuradhapura Sethsaviya, arranged this encounter which was held in the premises of the Borawewa Sanghabodhi Buddhist temple, with the blessings of the Chief Incumbent Ven. Galkandage Dhammatileke Thero who also participated in some of the sessions. The 2-day program was facilitated by Mr. Siyon de Alwis as resource person.

The Tamil visitors from Mannar were welcomed and accommodated by the Sinhalese host families of Borawewa and Nelumwewa villages in their own homes and not only provided with food but also with some gifts which had been prepared for them. The visitors mingled freely with their hosts, and language was not at all a barrier though they knew little or nothing of each other's mother tongue. Among the variety of issues that were discussed during the 2-day meeting was the subject of human trafficking, which is one of the social evils regarding which Caritas is already conducting a widespread awareness campaign.





## **Social Justice and Sustainable Peace**

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Promoting social justice and building sustainable peace remained a foremost priority as we have passed three years since the end of the crippling ethnic war in mid- May 2009.

Even in the midst of economic development in the war affected areas, as well as in other parts of the country, Caritas did not lose sight of the need for national reconciliation as the bedrock on which future peace would be built.

In this endeavour, we set out to create a platform where a wide miscellany of people, including religious and civil society leaders as well as political personalities and members of the diplomatic community, would come together to voice a common concern for peace. Indeed, many of them recognized the enormous potential for Catholic Church institutions like Caritas to play a vital and rightful role in reaching out to those with diverse views to put aside political, social and cultural differences and start working for the common good of the nation.

### **Dialogue with politicians**

A dialogue session titled “Role of future political leaders in the process of healing and reconciliation towards sustainable peace in the country” was an initiative which attracted younger politicians from several political parties to commit themselves to the cause of peace, though belonging to different political ideologies.

Hon. Dilan Perera, Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, Hon. Neomal Perera, Deputy Minister of External Affairs, Parliamentarians Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Hon. Wijitha Herath, Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera, Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe and Southern Provincial Councillor Ven. Baddegama Samitha Thero participated in this forum.

Rev. Fr. Vimal Tirimanne CSSR who acted as moderator of the meeting pointed out that while it is the politicians of the past who were responsible for the current situation, the present politicians, whatever be their political ideologies, must together shoulder a heavy responsibility to bring about peace and reconciliation after 30 years of bloodshed in the country. Violence thrives on injustice and human







rights violations. Defeating ruthless violence was surely a first step, but eradicating the socio-political causes of the conflict is equally important and this has to be done sooner rather than later. President Mahinda Rajapakse is in a position to take vital decisions that will give equality to all citizens and grant them their just rights. However, this cannot and must not be done unilaterally but only through consultation. The government must create an atmosphere for this KAIROS moment to actualize, Fr. Tirimanne said.

Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney, National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC noted that politicians of a younger generation may hold the key to an entirely new approach in putting the past behind and taking the country forward on a path towards sustainable peace. “You have the capacity to bring a certain freshness to the existing political culture and transform adversarial politics into consensual politics”, he told the panelists. “Being youthful, you can be bold and creative. You can take risks and accept challenges. Above all, you have the golden opportunity to demonstrate to the citizens of this country that you possess a political maturity which rises above narrow and divisive agendas”.

Reiterating the role of the Church in the search for true peace and reconciliation, Fr. Sigamoney emphasised that while Caritas has, for many years, been working on grassroots level peace programs and promoting several interreligious initiatives for national unity, the Church in Sri Lanka is at all times prepared to engage with stakeholders in the political and social arena for the achievement of true peace. “As a Church institution, Caritas will support whatever genuine reconciliation efforts are taken, wherever and by whosoever taken”.

Most Rev. Dr. Norbert Andradi OMI, Bishop of Anuradhapura in his remarks said that truth is the first casualty of war. “Yet, peace is based only on truth, however bitter it is. It is not based on lies. Truth hurts us first and only then does it liberate us. We cannot simply bury the past and then expect to find true peace. We have to learn to deal with our past and our hurt. We need to learn from our mistakes “.

Bishop Andradi exhorted politicians to earn the respect of the people, saying that a lot of cleansing is needed in the political arena. “We are ready to work with politicians and with the leadership in the country. However, at present there is no democracy, no press freedom and we are afraid to speak. As a result, we are unable to work for a sustainable peace. But yet we owe it to the next generation to do today whatever we have to do. Silence, though golden, can be very sinful at times “.

## **LLRC Recommendations**

When the Report of the Government-appointed Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) was released in Parliament in December 2011, Caritas lost no time in arranging a study session in Colombo in January 2012 on the wide range of Recommendations laid out by the Commission for the

attainment of social justice and lasting peace.

The LLRC Report, with special reference to its important recommendations, was discussed during the study session held at SEDEC, facilitated by a group of distinguished resource persons. A number of Priests, Religious, academics and civil society leaders were present.

The study session was mainly focused on the Recommendations pertaining to Reconciliation, Humanitarian Issues, Good Governance, Political Solution to the Ethnic Conflict and Human Rights.



Rev. Fr. Mervyn Fernando, Director of Subodhi Institute of Integral Education acted as the Moderator of the sessions while the participants were welcomed by Rev Fr George Sigamoney, Director of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC who in his address said that “as Caritas and as a Church institution working for national unity, our belief is that the LLRC recommendations, when speedily

and properly implemented, have the potential to point a way forward for Sri Lanka”. Fr. Sigamoney said that reconciliation, good governance, human rights, humanitarian issues and a political solution to the ethnic conflict are areas where Caritas has always invested much energy and still continues to prioritize as keys to national transformation in the post-war period. He recalled that the submissions made by the Church to the LLRC in 2010 largely dwelt on these matters. “It is worthy of mention that several matters taken up by the Church have found their place in the LLRC Report”, Fr Sigamoney noted and stressed that as a faith community that is made up of both Sinhalese and Tamil people, the Church remains convinced of its role in uniting a divided nation.

Deshamanya Bradman Weerakoon, a former Civil Servant traced the mandate and composition of the LLRC as well as the manner in which it carried out its Terms of Reference (TOR). He made special mention of Chapter 9 of the Report titled PRINCIPAL OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS and stressed that “ it is important that the many excellent and do-able recommendations are implemented, with





datelines and budgets if necessary, and monitored”. Alluding to the Government’s response to the LLRC’s Interim Recommendations of 2010 which did not receive the attention they deserved, Mr Weerakoon said that this time around “ implementation is critical”. Citing some of the reactions to the Report, he said that the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) has been critical of it while the Jathika Hela Uru-

maya (JHU) has claimed that the LLRC has gone too far on devolution of powers. Meanwhile, about the victims in the North and East, not enough has been said, Mr. Weerakoon observed, adding that the Report has cogently analysed the root causes of the ethnic issue and that its recommendations “provide a framework for action by all stakeholders, in particular the Government, political parties and community leaders”.

He cautioned that speedy implementation is absolutely essential, backed by monetary inputs and monitoring mechanisms, as there is presently a tendency towards the solidification or chrysalisation of existing power structures.

Speaking on a comparison between Sri Lanka’s LLRC and South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), the South African High Commissioner in Colombo, His Excellency Geoff Doidge highlighted restorative justice as a key element of the TRC. “It involved the perpetrator’s repentance and a victim’s forgiveness”, he said, adding that Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s theological view of reconciliation resonated well with the largely Christian population in his country. A strong Witness Protection Program was another distinguishing feature of the TRC. The LLRC Report in Sri Lanka is



a step forward in opening up the space for further discussions and for implementing the recommendations of both the Interim and the Final Reports. There needs to be constant engagement on the list of Recommendations and time frames must be agreed to. A good starting point would be to take up recommendations that are practical and require minimal constitutional or legal changes. Unpacking the role of civil society and the

international community may also be crucial in assisting Sri Lanka on this path to progress, the High Commissioner said.





The subject of Reconciliation was thereafter taken up by Rev. Ebenezer Joseph, General Secretary of the National Christian Council (NCC) and Dr. Jehan Perera, Executive Director of the National Peace Council (NPC), while Humanitarian Issues were dealt with by Rev. Fr. C. G. Jeyakumar, former Director of HUDEC Jaffna and Mr. Jeevan Thiagarajah, Executive Director of the Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA). This was followed by Ms. Bhavani Fonseka, Senior Researcher at the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA) and Dr. Wijaya Jayatileke, Executive Director of Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) who elaborated on issues of Good Governance. Mr. Mirak Raheem, Senior Researcher at CPA and Dr. Jayampathy Wickremaratne, President's Counsel spelt out the space for a Political Solution while Mr. Javid Yusuf, Attorney-at-Law and Mr. Rukshan Fernando, Head of the Human Rights in Conflict Program of Law and Society Trust (LST) elaborated the position with regard to Human Rights.

The study session also provided opportunities for discussions and exchange of views. All participants were of the consensus that the LLRC Recommendations in Chapter 9 of the LLRC Report should be disseminated widely and that the people must be made knowledgeable and responsible. The importance of using the available unofficial Sinhala and Tamil translations was also pointed out, as well as taking forward the findings and outcomes of this Caritas study session. Fr. Mervyn Fernando emphasized the important role of religions and religious leaders. "Churches and religious leaders have been silent and inactive", he said. "We have not used our potential. Buddhist clergy, especially, have a big role to play and they have powerful reasons for pushing these matters forward".

This study session was followed up in March 2012 by a similar regional discussion on the LLRC Report, hosted by EHED Batticaloa in collaboration with the Caritas Sri Lanka National Centre. A large gathering of more than 125 persons consisting of Priests, Nuns and civil society participants led by the Bishop of Trincomalee/Batticaloa, Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Swampillai and the Director of Caritas EHED Batticaloa, Rev. Fr. Cryton Outschoorn was present at this event.

The main resource persons were Dr. Jehan Perera, Executive Director of the National Peace Council, Mr. Mirak Raheem, Senior Researcher at the Centre for Policy Alternatives, Mr. Rukshan Fernando, Head of Human Rights in Conflict Programme at Law and Society Trust.

Rev. Fr. Reid Shelton Fernando, Secretary of the Commission on Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue in the Archdiocese of Colombo in his introductory remarks traced the origin and back-





ground of the LLRC and observed that as a local mechanism, the Commission was a response of the Government to the UN Secretary General's call for a credible investigation into human rights violations and accountability issues arising from the last stages of the war in the year 2009. Since the LLRC has set out its findings and recommendations, civil society must play its rightful role in pushing for positive action on its proposals.

The objective of the two events held in Colombo and Batticaloa was to create awareness about the LLRC itself and the impact its recommendations would have in the endless search for peace and reconciliation. The main focus areas were the specific Recommendations relating to national reconciliation, humanitarian issues, good governance, human rights and political solution to the ethnic conflict.

### **Role of Catholic Bishops**

The Catholic Bishops who had made submission to the LLRC in 2010 on a wide range of subjects continued to now call for the early implementation of the important LLRC Recommendations and emphasized on the need for civil society and religious leaders to collaborate with the Government in its efforts to expedite such implementation.



An initiative of the Bishops' Peace Task Force resulted in a week-long visit to South Africa in August 2011 by a delegation of seven Catholic Bishops, with the chief aim of learning about the detailed work of that country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), including its

achievements, impacts and challenges.

The visit was coordinated by Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC whose National Director Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney and a Program Officer from the National Centre accompanied the delegation comprising of Rt. Rev. Dr. Vianney Fernando - Bishop of Kandy,





Savundranayagam - Bishop of Jaffna and Rt. Rev. Dr. Winston Fernando- Bishop of Badulla.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera - Bishop of Kurunegala, Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Swampillai - Bishop of Trincomalee / Batticaloa, Rt. Rev. Dr. Rayappu Joseph - Bishop of Mannar, Rt. Rev. Dr. Norbert Andradi - Bishop of Anuradhapura, Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas

Among the several meetings and exposure visits undertaken in South Africa by the delegation was a discussion arranged by the Siyabhaba Trust (Caritas South Africa) where representatives of sixteen organisations gathered to brief the visitors regarding the entire TRC process and to listen to an overview of the Sri Lankan situation given by the Sri Lankan delegates. This session was chaired by an official of the Foundation for Human Rights.

Other encounters included a meeting with the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) and a Round Table with members of the SACBC Parliamentary Liaison Office, as well as a briefing by a representative of the Denis Hurley Institute for Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies, Durban.

On their return, the delegation of Bishops, accompanied by the National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka, Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney met with Hon. Prof. G. L. Peiris, Minister of External Affairs in his office on 25th August 2011 to brief the Minister on the outcome of their visit.

On behalf of the delegation, Bishop Vianney Fernando told the Minister that while all the Bishops stood for the sovereignty of Sri Lanka, the Church has also taken the stand that the war victory is not a solution by itself. In the post war period, the Church is contemplating its rightful role in bringing about reconciliation and peace in the country and it is in this context that the Bishops travelled to South Africa to familiarise themselves on the post conflict measures adopted in that country, especially by the religious leaders.

The TRC had played a meaningful role in helping people to unburden themselves and their grief, although it is true that the TRC had not settled all the ills of South Africa. Most of the perpetrators had been given amnesty but there still was an apparent lacuna in the whole process. Yet, what stood out was the magnanimity of the main stakeholders, including Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, with their compassion and forgiving attitude towards the apartheid system and its proponents.

The South African Bishops had told the Sri Lankan delegates that they still have a role to play to bring healing to the wounded in their country and that the process of reconciliation has to be deepened further without sacrificing the call for justice, peace and mercy. Bishop Norbert Andradi pointed out to





the Hon. Minister that like in South Africa, we have to accept the legitimacy of those who have grievances and respect the right of individuals to express their grievances.

Bishop Vianney Fernando stressed that now is the time to strike a solution to the National Question because the President of Sri Lanka has an overwhelming popularity and the Government has all the needed power in the Presidency.

The Hon. Minister in his response said that the Church can play a meaningful role in the healing and reconciliation process and invited the Church to work in collaboration with the Government in its efforts to bring about a sustainable peace in Sri Lanka.

### **Diocesan level peace activities**



Caritas commenced a regional analysis on reconciliation among all the Dioceses. The objective of this exercise was to analyze the realities prevailing in the Dioceses in terms of peace and reconciliation and to thus give a fresh outlook to the Caritas National Peace Program, in keeping with such ground level realities.

Several Diocesan level activities are in progress to build a “people’s movement for peace” at grass root level:

- Inter-Diocesan exposure visits and Live-In sessions where people meet others, understand their realities, share experiences and build bridges of friendship
- Prayer services and peace meditation
- Workshops/seminars on Non Violent Conflict Resolution
- Inter-faith dialogue meetings
- Workshops/seminars to promote social justice and good governance

## Caritas Asia Peace Workshop



“As part of civil society, as a Church and as a Caritas family we must join other movements, organizations and individuals in mobilizing our networks and our resources for peace.”

This was said by Rev. Fr. Marianus Kujur SJ of the Indian Social Institute in his keynote address at the inauguration of a 10-day peace building training workshop held in Negombo.

Organised by Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC in collaboration with Caritas Asia, the event brought together around 40 participants from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Speaking on the theme “Ensure Peace in South Asia through Religious Education on Human Rights”, Fr. Kujur said that if we consider the context of South Asia, we see that there are many disturbed areas where internal or external conflicts have led to fighting. Individually and collectively, we have to be gripped by what is happening. We have to be involved not only in working out a peace building process but also in developing a methodology and a strategy for achieving sustainable peace. As Caritas, we can promote action-oriented initiatives in this direction.



Fr. Kujur reminded the workshop participants that peace and compassion are common to all religious teachings. Especially, the Christian concept of “caritas”, which means “charity” and “love”, is the hallmark of Christian faith. Justice is an important and inseparable part of Christian faith. Fr. Kujur quoted Pope Paul VI who had said “If you want peace, work for justice”.



## Human Rights



A number of Diocesan Human Rights Coordinators and Animators were capacitated through training workshops so that they may, in turn, create awareness among grass root level populations about their inalienable rights. The trainings have enhanced the skills of Caritas staff to train community leaders in the protection of rights and to conduct Human Rights Education (HRE) programmes.

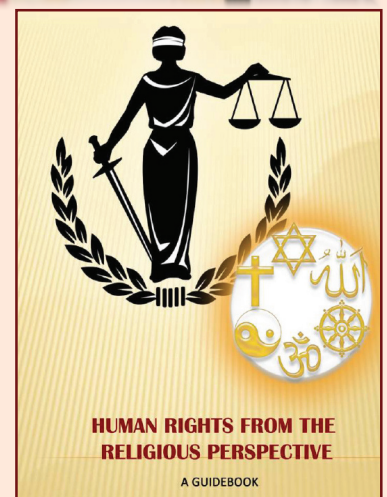
## Guidebook on Human Rights from the Religious Perspective

“A big role is thrust into the hands of the Church in this post-war period. The time is indeed 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”.

This was said by Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney, National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC at the launch of a new Caritas publication titled **“Guidebook on human rights from the religious perspective”**. The book was released at the inauguration ceremony of the 10-day Peace Building Training Workshop organised by Caritas Sri Lanka for around 40 participants from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and 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 ac-







tion 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 at this most crucial hour when it is struggling to its feet after many decades of hurting itself and its people”, Fr. Sigamoney said.

The Caritas National Director expressed his gratitude to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) which funded the new publication on human rights and to Equitas-International Centre for Human Rights Education, Canada which had provided the initial training that not only led to a similar Training of Trainers (TOT) program for religious leaders in Colombo but also resulted in this book.

His Excellency Bruce Levy, Canadian High Commissioner in Colombo was present as a Special Guest of Honour at the book launch and spoke of the Canadian tradition of respect for human rights which is linked to the existence of a multicultural society in his country. “This tradition goes hand in hand with the wonderful concept of multiculturalism”, the High Commissioner said. “It not only respects the right of your neighbour to be different but also fosters tolerance and faith. Multiculturalism is like a good garden with many different flowers. It has worked in Canada and it will work anywhere”. Referring to the current situation in Sri Lanka, the High Commissioner said that Canada has had more than 60 years of friendly relations with our country and is prepared to help Sri Lanka towards a sustainable peace. He observed that it is true that the war has been won, but the peace, however, must not be lost.

## Pension Fund Legislation

A public discussion on the proposed Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill was held on 13th May 2011 at the SEDEC Auditorium, chaired by Rev.Fr. George Sigamoney, National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC.

Mr. D. P. K. P. Weerakoon, Commissioner of Labour-Employees Provident Fund and Dr. Prathiba Mahanamahewa, Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo were the resource persons who provided valuable inputs on this important subject. Mr. Weerakoon compared the fund proposed by the Bill with the existing Employees Provident Fund (EPF) while Dr. Mahanamahewa clarified the provisions of the Draft Bill.



The new Bill was introduced by the Government in March 2011 and it proposes to establish a fund for Private Sector employees' pension benefits. The call for such benefits had anyway been a clamour of employees as well as employers for many years.



According to the Government's view, the Bill is expected to ensure a substantial benefit for Private Sector employees after retirement, much like the one enjoyed by Public Sector employees on their retirement. The Government further states that the proposed Bill for Private Sector workers would not affect the existing Provident Funds.

Many questions, however, have arisen in the minds of people who doubt the credibility of the Government's pronouncements and intentions. Doubts continue to remain in the public domain about the actual benefits the proposed fund would deliver. In the meantime, the Draft Bill was challenged in the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka under its fundamental rights jurisdiction, on the grounds that the Bill infringes on the fundamental rights of employees. Subsequently, in the face of protests from several quarters, the Government withheld the proposed legislation.

### **Child Rights and Child Protection**

In the face of the growing trend in child abuse and violence against children, the Caritas Child Protection and Child Rights Program held several conscientization sessions for parents, teachers, Managers of Children's Homes, Prison officials and Probation Officers as well as Clergy and Religious.

Following sudden inspections on children's homes, carried out by officials of the National Child Protection Authority (NCPA), a comprehensive consultation on "Sustainable Management of Child Rights and Child Protection" was held in SEDEC. Around 100 members of Clergy and Religious Congregations who are involved in the care of children met at this consultation arranged by Caritas Sri Lanka on 24th January 2012. The event was held with the participation of Priests and Religious from several dioceses, moderated by Dr. Shehan Gunawardene, Attorney-at-Law.

The main objectives of the consultation were:

- To articulate current legal procedures in this area of work
- To promote sustainable management in the Catholic children's homes



- To explain the process of registration of children's homes
- To explore the views and expectations of the Department of Child Care and Probation

Mr. Neville Abhayaratne, Attorney-at-Law elaborated on the legal provisions of the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998 while Mr. Sarath Abhayagunawardene, National Commissioner of Child Care and Child Probation set out the expectations of the Department with regard to the registration of children's homes. Mr Merrill Wijayasinghe, Senior Probation Officer of the Western Province dealt with the new revised Statute No. 1 of 2008 which invalidates the Orphanages Act of 1941 as far as the Western Province is concerned. Ms. Kalani Medagoda, Attorney-at-Law explained several important aspects of child care, including the procedure for registration of births under different circumstances.



### **“Protection of Every Child, Our Prime Responsibility”**

Caritas Sri Lanka marked Universal Children's Day on 1st October 2011 with a group of around 100 student leaders, teachers and parents at an event held in the SEDEC auditorium in Colombo. The theme was: **“Protection of every child, our prime responsibility”**

Ms. Shirani Rajapakse, Director - Education and Special Programs in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in her address to the participants of this program said that there are special laws in the country to protect child rights and that mechanisms such as the National Child Protection Authority are in place to give effect to these laws. She told the students that they have a right to free Primary Education and also to good schools and good teachers. Physical and mental well-being are their rights, too. She reminded the children that if they have no time to play, it amounts to a denial of their right.







Rev. Sr. Nilanthi Ranasinghe, Caritas Program Officer for Child Protection in her introductory remarks observed that children teach us child-like trust and many other things, even in their helplessness. They are valuable members of society and they need love and respect in order to grow to their full potential.



The students, teachers and parents took part in separate group discussions where they explored their own understandings of child protection and what they expect from each other in their inter-relationships.

The reports emerging from the group activity provided valuable insights into how children, parents and teachers see each other. All the participants appreciated the fact that this program provided a space to share their views and to express their feelings in an encouraging atmosphere.



Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney, National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka in his synopsis given at the end of the sessions requested parents and teachers to speak to their peer groups about the experiences the students had shared at this forum. He asked that this dialogue be continued and he offered some words of advice to the students, too. Souvenirs to mark Children's Day were given to all participants at the conclusion of the program.

## **Children's Societies**

The Caritas Child Rights and Child Protection program has established 125 Children's Societies in 13 Dioceses covering 15 Districts, with a total membership of nearly 5,000 children in the age group of 8-17. These Children's Societies are located in schools, villages and Parishes and the membership is open to children who belong to different religions and ethnic groups. They are guided by the teachers and by some volunteers who have dedicated themselves to enhancing the rights of children. The National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) and the Zonal Directors of Education in all Districts



Manual of Caritas Sri Lanka was launched in 2008 and it has been actively promoted since then at all levels of society in order to create awareness on the need to protect the future generation in the midst of difficulties, challenges and threats faced by our children in a world ridden with conflict.

## Interfaith Dialogue

As part of the Caritas initiative to forge a National Dialogue on Reconciliation, SEDEC in association with the Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA) hosted a group of religious leaders for a discussion on 2nd December 2011 at its auditorium. The objective of the program was to create a platform for furthering the cause of peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka and to highlight the role of the religious leaders in the pursuit of this objective.

have given their fullest support towards the implementation of this program.

Each Children's Society meets once a month, and together, the members plan various activities which help to develop the leadership qualities and social consciousness of the child, as well as his or her rights and duties. Each unit also has its own elected office bearers such as President, Secretary and Treasurer. A teacher has been appointed in each school to be the animator of the program, on a voluntary basis.

Under the 3-year Caritas Child Protection Policy Program, several awareness sessions have been held for students, parents, teachers and adolescents on the subjects of Child Rights and Child Protection, including issues related to child labor, child exploitation and child abuse.

The Child Protection Policy (CPP)







Welcoming the participants, Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney, National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka said that healing and reconciliation are the need of the hour in this post-war situation. Many hearts still remain wounded after the crippling conflict which ended in a brutal war in May 2009. “We need to be challenged by a common moral responsibility to heal the wounded hearts in our nation”, Fr. Sigamoney said, pointing out that religious leaders have a crucial role to play in this process. “We also need to work together to prevent future conflict”, he told the religious leaders present, among whom were Rt. Rev. Dr. Cletus Perera, Bishop of Ratnapura, Rev. Ebenezer Joseph, General Secretary of the National Christian Council (NCC), Rev. Fr. Mervyn Fernando, Rev. Fr. Henry Silva, Rev. Fr. Leopold Ratnasekera OMI, Ven. Prof Bellanwila Wimalaratne Nayake Thero, Ven. Maduluwawe Sobitha Nayake Thero, Ven. Brahmanawatte Sivali Nayaka Thero, Ash-Shaikh S. H. Adambawa and Siva Sri Ramachandran Babu Sharma Kurukkal.

CHA was represented by Dr. Jeevan Thiagarajah, Executive Director who in his submission said that since all religions have laid down guidelines for human living, it is faith-based reconciliation that holds out the best hope our country.



### **Outreach Program for Child Protection Volunteers**

A training workshop was held on 28th & 29th October 2011 at Subodhi Institute, Piliyandala for a group of 57 volunteers who accompany the members of the Children’s Societies formed in the Dioceses under the Caritas Child Rights and Child Protection Program.

Ten such Children’s Societies have been formed under each of the 13 Diocesan Centres, where ten volunteers are assisting the Diocesan Program Coordinators and are accompanying the children in the various activities. Their dedication and their voluntary collaboration with the Diocesan Centres has enriched the program and contributed immensely to enhance the dignity of the children.

The training workshop was designed to build their capacity and to strengthen their role in serving the





children. Two parallel sessions on Child Rights were conducted by the Resource Persons: Ms Sajeevani Abayakoon, Attorney-at-Law attached to the Legal Aid Commission, facilitated the Sinhala language session while Mr. Selvagunapalan, Attorney-at-law attached to the Human Rights Commission, handled the Tamil language session. An exposure visit to Marcsri Home for Disabled Children in Kalutara was also included in the 2-day program.



### **Lenten Education Program (LEP) - 2012**

The LEP this year was organized in association with the National Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL). Under the theme “Unity through Reconciliation”, posters and booklets giving Lenten Reflections in all three languages were printed and distributed to all the Dioceses.

An Orientation Program based on the Lenten theme was also held in SEDEC in the month of February 2012.

Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney, Director of Caritas Sri Lanka in his Lenten Message for 2012 said that Lent is a season which reminds us of Jesus’ words -“Let those who would follow me deny themselves”. Fr. Sigamoney pointed out that this means they have to forsake their worldly desires and ambitions. “Each one of us is called to totally crucify himself to the world and its ways, and yield to the Lordship of Jesus Christ over him”.

Fr Sigamoney also alluded to our own past history in Sri Lanka and observed that the 30 years of war only gave us hatred, violence and revenge, thus pushing us back from the values we had held sacred, such as love, understanding, compassion, tolerance, holiness and personal sanctity. In the end, Fr

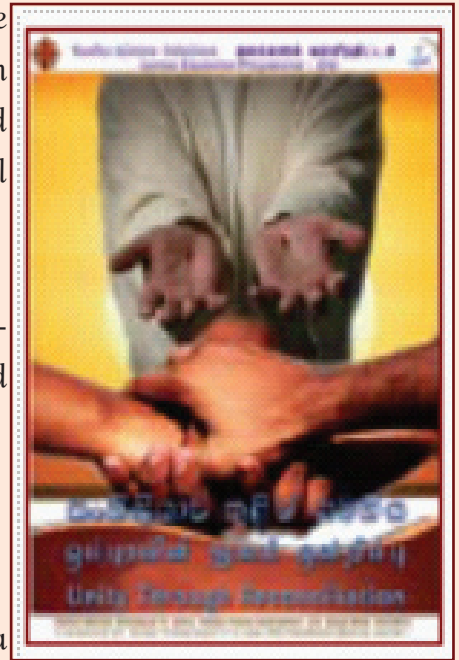


Sigamoney said, whichever side may call itself the victor in war, there are no winners but all are losers. Yet, in Christ we are all one, even the victor and the vanquished. 'It is in a gesture of forgiveness and reconciliation that this unity is achieved. If reconciliation is to be real and permanent, then it must lead people to boundless self-sacrifice'.

The staff of the National Centre participated in their annual Lenten Retreat held at Eymard Campbell Retreat House in Hanwella, preached by Rev. Fr. Lasantha de Abrew SJ.

## Orientation Session on Lenten Education Program 2012

Rt.Rev. Dr. Ponniah Joseph, Bishop of Batticaloa and Rev. Fr. Lasantha de Abrew SJ were the resource persons at an Orientation Session held



at the SEDEC Auditorium on 21st February 2012 based on the Lenten theme: **"Unity through reconciliation"**. Among the participants numbering around 60 were Caritas Diocesan Directors, the National Director of Catechetics and his staff, the Diocesan Catechetical Directors of several Dioceses, members of the Conference of Major Religious Superiors (CMRS), National and Diocesan

Caritas staff and National Christian Council (NCC) staff.



## VIMUKTHI magazine

The May - August 2011 issue of VIMUKTHI magazine, published in Sinhala and Tamil languages, highlighted the theme **"Ensure the right to life"** and carried several articles on the ethnical, moral, legal, religious and socio-cultural dimensions of abortion. The Church has always stood for the right to life and voiced its opposition to the passing of legislation that seeks to legalize abortion.





## **Disaster Risk Management**

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Disaster Risk Management Unit (DRM) of Caritas Sri Lanka has been established to support the people who have been victimized due to natural and man-made disasters. As in the three years since the end of the military conflict in the North and East, the main focus of the rehabilitation programme was to address the early recovery needs of the IDPs who were being released for resettlement in their places of origin. The major programmes implemented during this period were construction of shelters, provision of livelihood, educational assistance to the most vulnerable children and vocational training to the youth.

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### **Semi – permanent shelters with latrines**

The Government requested humanitarian agencies to coordinate with UNHCR to construct houses for the families who have been resettled in their own villages. According to the Joint Humanitarian Report issued by UN – OCHA, the approximate housing requirement is 166,415, out of which Caritas Sri Lanka was able to build 365 houses with latrines in Kilinochchi,



Badulla, Mullaitivu, Anuradhapura, Jaffna, Trincomalee, Mannar and Batticaloa Districts and 440 transitional shelters in Mannar District. In addition, Caritas also supported the war victims of border villages in Badulla and Anuradhapura Dioceses. Accordingly, some houses were constructed for the neediest war-displaced families in Buttala (Badulla Diocese: 6 houses) and Borawewa (Anuradhapura Diocese: 12 houses).



## **Livelihood Support**

The final phase of the war in 2009 resulted in the destruction of almost all the livelihood assets of the people. When they started resettling in their own villages, they had to regain and re-establish their liveli-



hoods. At this point, Caritas Sri Lanka was able to help the resettled community by providing livelihood support in the form of agricultural inputs (water pumps, sprayers etc.) and animal husbandry for 2,050 families in Mannar, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Anuradhapura and Jaffna Districts. We also provided fishing gear (boats, engines, nets and canoes) for 218 families in Kilinochchi, Mannar and Mullaitivu Districts. The cost of a set of fishing boat and other accessories is around Rs. 450,000.00.

## **Flood and landslide victims**

This programme was mainly to support the people affected by the floods and landslides in the months of January and February 2011. At first, the affected families in 9 Dioceses were supported under the relief programme. They were provided with relief supplies, non food and sanitary items. Caritas also continued supporting their rehabilitation needs such as repair of damaged houses and provision of livelihood support. Accordingly, 204 families were helped to repair their damaged houses and 77 families were able to re-start livelihood activities.

## **Vocational Training**

Most of the youth who have resettled in their places of origin did not have an adequate educational background and thus they did not have access to employment opportunities in order to support their families. The youth who were trained under Caritas programmes in areas such as carpentry, masonry, electrical wiring, sewing, beauty culture and motor mechanism were able to find jobs in their original





vicinities as well as to start self-employment ventures. Some of these youth have found jobs outside their villages and a few of them have been able to go to Middle East countries for better employment using their new marketable skills.

## **Educational Assistance**

This programme has been especially beneficial to the deserving children who have lost their parents due to the war. The monthly financial assistance provided for these children was used mainly to cover the expenses related to their education. In total, the programme supported 1,752 children in 9 Dioceses.

## **WRDS Project**

This project is funded by Caritas Switzerland to uplift the living standards of members of the Women Rural Development Societies (WRDS) in Kilinochchi and Mannar Districts. A large number of widows and women-headed families are included in this membership. Caritas in collaboration with the WRDS movement aims to build the capacity of the women and promote sustainable development in their lives. Through this empowerment process, they will be capacitated to become strong leaders committed to work for their better future.

## **Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP) Programme**

Sri Lanka is a country that is faced with multiple hazards and disasters like floods, landslides, drought, cyclones and tsunami. In view of this, the Community Based Disaster Preparedness Programme (CBDP) plays a major role to prepare the vulnerable communities to face the future disasters and the ways and means of minimizing the damages while enhancing the capacity of the community.



The main focus of this programme is to motivate and empower the community to depend on their own skills during a disaster without much material input from other agencies and thereby minimize damages and prevent loss of lives. This programme is being implemented in all the 13 Caritas Diocesan Centres while the National Centre provides technical support in terms of disaster management and preparedness.







EA 35/2009 – Project period : January – December 2010 (continued the balance work under EA 2/2011)  
 Ea 02/2011 – Project period : January – December 2011 (extended for further period)

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Achievements			
				Completed	%	In progress	%
Semi permanent shelter with latrines	CAFOD - UK	Kilinochchi	28	28	100%	Project Completed	
		Badulla	06	06	100%		
	Caritas Norway	Mullaitivu	75	75	100%		
	Caritas Slovenia	Mullaitivu	20	20	100%		
	Caritas Swiss - I	Anuradhapura	12	12	100%		
		Jaffna	17	17	100%		
		Trincomalee	20	20	100%		
	Caritas Australia	Jaffna	04	04	100%		
		Mannar	22	22	100%		
	Caritas Spain	Jaffna	25	25	100%		
	Caritas Portugal	Mullaitivu	76	76	100%		
	Caritas Network	Anuradhapura	15	15	100%		
		Batticaloa	15	15	100%		
		Mannar	15	15	100%		
Kilinochchi		15	15	100%			
Total			365	365	100%		
Livelihood Support	D & P-Caritas Canada	Kilinochchi	500	500	100%	Project Completed	
	Caritas Norway	Mullaitivu	146	151	103%		
	Caritas Portugal	Mullaitivu	132	117	88%	15	12%
	Caritas Luxembourg	Anuradhapura	38	38	100%		
	Caritas Australia	Jaffna	100	100	100%		
Total			916	906	99%	15	12%
Boats, Engine & Nets	Caritas Portugal	Mullaitivu	80	80	100%	Project Completed	
	Caritas Slovenia	Mullaitivu	10	10	100%		
Total			90	90	100%		
Educational Assistance	Caritas Australia Caritas Korea Caritas Denmark Caritas Germany Caritas Japan Caritas Luxembourg Caritas New Zealand	Anuradhapura	179	Project Completed  Monthly Support: 1. Children living with relatives; 2. Children in welfare homes; 3. Children going for higher education			
		Galle	132				
		Mannar	350				
		Vanni	544				
		Trincomalee	136				
		Batticaloa	262				
		Kurunegala	69				
		Colombo	81				
		National Centre	09				
		Total	1,752				

QUICK IMPACT PROJECT  
 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE (CRS) CREMER - FUNDED PROJECT  
 CRS 1423 - Project Period

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Achievements	
				Completed	%
Transitional Shelter	CRS	Mannar	440	440	111%
Total			440	440	111%
Livelihood Support		Kilinochchi	700	700	100%
Total			700	700	100%



## SPECIAL LONG TERM PROJECTS

### 1. MISEREOR Project - 322 - 900 / 1080

Project period : January - December 2011 (Extended to March 2012)

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Achievements	
				Completed	%
Livelihood Support	MISEREOR	Mannar	400	444	103%
		Total	400	444	103%
Vocational Training		Mannar	06	06	100%
		Total	06	06	100%
Toolkits		Mannar	150	142	95%
		Total	150	142	95%
Boats, Engine & Nets		Mannar	45	58	129%
		Total	45	58	129%
Psychosocial Care 1. Individual Consultation 2. Group Consultation 3. Other psychosocial Activities		Mannar	500	500	100%
			150	150	100%
			150	150	100%

Project Completed

### 2. Caritas Switzerland Project-110068- Reconstruction of Permanent Core Houses and Livelihood Support

Project Period : January 2011 - December 2012

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Achievements			
				Completed	%	In Progress	%
Semi permanent shelter with latrines	Caritas Swiss	Kilinochchi	275	40	15%	235	85%
		Kilinochchi	50	50	100%	235	85%
		Total	50	50	100%	Completed	
Boats, Engine & Nets		Kilinochchi	20	20	100%		
		Total	20	20	100%		
Canoes & Nets		Kilinochchi	50 Youths	13 Youths	37 Youths		
		Total	50	13 Youths	37 Youths		
		Total	45	58	129%		

### 3. CAFOD project

Project Period

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Achievements			
				Completed	%	In Progress	%
Semi permanent shelter with latrines	CAFOD - UK	Mullaitivu	70	70	100%	Completed	
		Trincomalee	20	20	100%		
		Total		90	90		

### Caritas Switzerland Project - P110131 - Livelihood Support for war affected women and their children in Sri Lanka

Project Period : August 2011 - July 2013

Sector	Partner	Location	Target	Achievements			
				Completed	%	In progress	%
Livelihood Support	Caritas Swiss	Kilinochchi	150	Needs assessment completed and waiting for the Beneficiary list			
		Total	150				
Vocational Training		Kilinochchi	95				
		Total	95				



## Psychosocial Support

In the war and tsunami affected regions as well as in other areas, the Psychosocial Support program continues to make a significant contribution through a variety of activities aimed at providing appropriate responses to traumatized persons, while at the same time improving the state of mental health among the general population.

These activities, delivered through trained service providers, include:

- Creating awareness on psychosocial wellbeing, family relationships, physical and mental health, community health, social responsibility, non-violent communication, self-esteem, positive thinking and stress management



Group counseling programmes.



Pre-school children's programme



Children's programme



Trauma counseling



Youth awareness programmes



Yoga and relaxation exercise methods.





- Trainings on personality development, life skills and leadership
- Individual and group counseling
- Medical treatment and assistance for special cases
- Creating attitudinal change among children and youth for good citizenship
- Water therapy
- Music therapy
- Empowerment programs for students and vulnerable communities



Water Therapy



Play therapy

## **Psychosocial Live-In Program**

A group of 40 psychosocial workers from 9 Dioceses attended a Live-In Session arranged by the Psychosocial Unit of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC from 26th to 31st May 2011.

Dr. M. Sivathas, Psychiatrist and Mental Health Unit Coordinator for the Vavuniya District was the resource person for this 5-day program, of which three days were devoted to a workshop held in Vavuniya on child development in war affected areas. The participants also undertook exposure visits on two days to Mannar and Jaffna Districts. In Mannar, they visited the Centres for Rehabilitation of the Disabled and for Alcoholics as well as a stopover in Madhu and a boating trip in Pesalai, while in Jaffna they called at the Home for Affected Children in Mirusuvil and also observed the resettlement process in the village of Allaipiddy.

At the end of the program, it was proposed to form a Caritas Psychosocial Consultancy Board whose





members would include doctors, clinicians, psychiatrists and psychologists to advise on referral and clinical aspects of psychosocial care. Plans were also finalized to form a Caritas Resource Pool made up of two persons from each Diocese who would be trained in conducting awareness programs, workshops and lectures in both Sinhala and Tamil languages in order to empower the Caritas staff and volunteers engaged in psychosocial activities.

### **Creation of Psychosocial Pool**



An innovative program to create a Caritas Psychosocial Resource Pool at National and Diocesan levels was held at the SEDEC Auditorium in Colombo from 23rd - 25th August 2011. A group of 30 Diocesan Psychosocial Coordinators attended this 3-day event arranged by the SEDEC Psychosocial Unit. The participants were those who had obtained 'A' Grade in the Certificate Course in Psychological Counseling conducted through a series of workshops by a team from the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital.

The main objective of the program was to equip the pool members to be enthusiastically involved in creating awareness on psychosocial issues, illnesses and referral for medication in their own working areas as well as in a network of other NGOs. The three days were devoted to scanning the reality of psychosocial implications and related ill-effects in the war affected and resettlement areas where the vulnerability is quite tangible among the families, especially widows, youth and children.

Dr. M. Sivathas, Psychiatrist and Mental Health Unit Coordinator of Vavuniya District and Dr. Ms. Bodhini Samaratunge, Medical Officer, Psychiatric Unit, Vavuniya facilitated the entire program on







the first two days. On the third day, a panel discussion was arranged by dividing the participants into two groups whose members were called upon to make presentations on topics such as 'Child abuse and its psychosocial consequences', 'Resilience and recovery process', 'Stress Management and healing of psychosocial wounds' and 'Major and minor psychosocial problems that affect a community in particular and society as a whole'. At the conclusion of the panel discussion, the participants were asked to complete an assignment covering all the aspects discussed above.

### **Workshop on counselling traumatised children**



Dr. Jayaruwan Bandara, Child Specialist attached to the De Soysa Maternity Home in Colombo was the Resource Person at a two-day workshop held on 15th and 16th February 2012 in the SEDEC Auditorium, on the subject "Counselling Traumatized Children".



The Workshop participants consisted of a group of 38 Psychosocial Coordinators, Field Workers and Volunteers from 12 Diocesan Centres. The programme was arranged by the Psychosocial Unit of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC.





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## **Program Coordination**



As a major component of its duties, the Program Coordination Unit developed several project proposals and presented them to funding partners and donor agencies to secure funding.

### **Project Proposals Developed**

- Proposal on “Right to Life”
- Proposal on Project Management Cycle
- Proposal to Visit South Africa to Study the work of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission
- Concept Paper on Socio-economic Recovery of Physically Disabled People in Mannar to European Union
- Community Based Disaster Preparedness Programme to Rockefeller Foundation
- Substantiation of Community Institutions for Sustainable Integral Development to USAID
- Proposal on Caritas Sri Lanka Internship Arrangement

Apart from the concept and design of viable project proposals, trainings in Project Management, Evaluation and Monitoring also received notable attention. The Program Coordination Unit was instrumental in designing proposals and obtaining funds to develop project cycle management skills, as a result of which a number of Diocesan and National Centre staff received valuable knowledge in this field, along with insights on how they could implement projects and programs in an efficient and effective manner. The trainings, consisting of several modules, were arranged in collaboration with PASSAsia Consultants.





## **Capacity building for Project Management**

A group of 40 Diocesan delegates from 13 Diocesan Centres and the National Centre participated in a 4-day capacity enhancement training on Project Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) at SEDEC from 21st to 24th November 2011. The training workshop was based on three modules which would be spread out over a period of 4 months. It was designed and presented by PASSAsia Consultants.



## **Refresher course on Project Management**

A 3-day Refresher Course on Project Management, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) was held from 21st to 23rd March 2012 for the Diocesan representatives who had earlier participated in the two modules (Modules I & II) on Project Management organized by the National Centre in collaboration with Pass Asia Consultants. A special focus was placed on Narrative and Financial Report Writing which is a vital area on which the skills of Diocesan and National Caritas staff needs to be enhanced.

## **Strategic Project Management Workshop for Diocesan Directors**

A 3 – day workshop on Strategic Project Management was held from 28th – 30th March 2012 with the participation of Diocesan Directors and Senior Staff of the National Centre. It was facilitated by PassAsia Consultants.







In planning and formulating project proposals, the strategy of Caritas development programs was changed from a dependency orientation to social, cultural, economic, political and spiritual empowerment. As a result of this approach, the community groups have now developed their own fund from which they can obtain loans to continue income generating activities, without having to borrow from money lenders. To help them attain this level of empowerment, the Program Coordination Unit provided continuous direction and guidance through the Diocesan staff in the process of conducting monitoring and evaluation of the ongoing IHDtCE programme.

### **Major Tasks Undertaken**

- Final Evaluation of the Tsunami Livelihood Project funded by the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) and preparation of the Report. This undertaking involved the 3 Dioceses of Trincomalee, Colombo and Galle which reviewed the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the project interventions and made several recommendations.
- After successfully securing funding, the Projects Unit Identified very competent trainers/ consultants and organized the training on Project Management Cycle. The 5-module training programme was delivered through three 4-day intensive training workshops held in November 2011, February 2012 and March 2012 respectively.
- With funds received for the Caritas Sri Lanka Internship Arrangement, this programme was conducted from June to November 2011 with six youth successfully completing the internship training on social work and exposure to humanitarian activities of Caritas. They were awarded certificates on completion of the programme.

Region-wise quarterly reviews and a National level Mid-term Evaluation were conducted to gauge the current status and to guide the implementation of activities towards the expected outcomes. Communication with Diocesan Centers and consolidation of project implementation reports from the Dioceses were carried out on many major programs. The periodical consolidated reports were circulated to Caritas Internationalis and other relevant funding partners by the Program Coordination Unit which also continues to assist Dioceses, Parishes and Church institutions in the preparation of project proposals.

### **Events Organized**

- The Sri Lanka Working Group (SLWG) Meeting was organized in October 2011 under the theme: **“Church’s role in the possible development models for Sri Lanka, based on the current socio economic and political reality.”**
- Launching of the **“Guidebook on Human Rights from the Religious Perspective”** was organized to coincide with the South Asian Peace Building Workshop held in September 2011 in the presence of H.E. Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Spiteri, Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See and H.E. Bruce Levy, High Commissioner for Canada in Sri Lanka.



## **Special events and meetings**

### **“ Sri Lanka Working Group Meeting 2011**

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representatives from  
Caritas Partners  
including In-Country  
Partners, Catholic  
Bishops, Diocesan  
Directors and staff of the  
13 Diocesan Centres and  
the National Director and  
staff.”



## **Sri Lanka Working Group Meeting 2011**

The 3-day Sri Lanka Working Group (SLWG ) Meeting under the theme **“Church’s role in the possible development models for Sri Lanka based on the current socio economic and political reality”** was inaugurated on 12th October at SEDEC with the participation of a number of Bishops, foreign Partners, Diocesan Directors and staff, National Director and staff, some members of the Diplomatic Corps and special invitees.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera, Chairman of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC welcomed the participants, while the keynote address was delivered by Rt. Rev. Dr. Vianney Fernando, Bishop of Kandy. A special talk on **“The Role of religion in development”** was made on this occasion by Mr. Duncan Maclaren, the facilitator for the 3-day workshop sessions. Mr. Maclaren was formerly Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis.

Brief messages were also delivered by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Spiteri , the Apostolic Nuncio, as well as by the Heads of Missions of South Africa, Norway, USA, Canada, Italy and Australia.



Rev Fr George Sigamoney, National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka gave the vote of thanks on this occasion.

The objectives of the SLWG were:

- Familiarizing with the present context of Sri Lanka and reflecting on the current issues that affect the people.
- Working together with Caritas Sri Lanka in planning the response to the identified issues.
- Accompanying Caritas Sri Lanka in its journey to achieve its goals.

The SLWG 2011 was participated by 16 Representatives from Caritas Partners including In-Country Partners, Catholic Bishops, Diocesan Directors and staff of the 13 Diocesan Centres (DCs) and the National Director and staff.





The SLWG sessions produced significant outcomes as follows:

- Partners were able to familiarize themselves with the current context of Sri Lanka.
- Allowing more group discussions was an avenue for closer interaction, open discussion and sharing.
- A platform created for the Partners to reflect together on current issues and funding possibilities with Caritas Sri Lanka (CSL) National and Diocesan representatives.
- It was an opportunity for the Partners to revisit the CSL Strategic Plan and consider improvements to its objectives and activities under the present context.
- The 'Market Stall' concept helped partners to see first hand the main areas of concern and thrust of the 13 Diocesan Centres.
- For the Diocesan Centres, the Market Stalls were a new experience and a forum to demonstrate their on-going activities and achievements.
- SLWG was an occasion for the Heads of Diplomatic Missions to get to know the Vision and Mission of Caritas CSL and how the support from their countries have been utilized for the benefit of the poor and the marginalized, and how the experiences of countries such as South Africa have been useful for the Church in advocacy on peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka.
- The presence of several Bishops and their contribution was a source of strength to reinforce the role of the Church in the development process.



- The introduction of the Dignity Based Approach (DBA) to the Catholic Social Teaching amplified the Church's role under a new development model for greater impact on the programmes of CSL.
- The high level of participation and involvement of the Diocesan Centres indicated their interest in the learning process.
- Work on the SMART Plan for the next 18 months was initiated.
- On the whole, the SLWG 2011 was a learning process for all stakeholders.

At the conclusion of the SLWG, the Way Forward was determined as follows:

- The SMART Plan to be filtered and finalized with the Diocesan Centre network.
- The National Peace Programme to be evaluated, analysed and re-designed.
- In the context of declining funds, the importance of mobilizing alternative and local funding for the future sustenance of Caritas Sri Lanka to be considered.
- Critical analysis on Caritas Sri Lanka's major programmes to be made to measure the impact and success of its programmes as stronger indicators are needed to assess the effectiveness of its work.
- The Church to be more involved in national level advocacy on crucial social issues.
- Promoting volunteerism.



## **EVALUATION OF CARITAS RESETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES IN MANNAR DISTRICT**

A two-member team of External Evaluators comprising Mr. Ralph Otto from Germany and Ms. Sheila Richards from Sri Lanka undertook a 3-day visit from 2nd to 4th March 2012 in the Musali DS Division in Mannar District in order to make an assessment of the activities carried out in that area by Valvuthayam Caritas Mannar for resettled families.





The activities, which are centred around livelihood assistance, psychosocial support and vocational training, are funded by the German Government through Misereor Germany.

The Evaluation team was accompanied by Rev. Fr. M. Jeyabalan, Director of Valvuthayam and his staff as well as by National Centre officers of Caritas Sri

Lanka SEDEC under whose overall guidance the project is implemented in the Mannar District.

The evaluators had the opportunity to meet and interact with several beneficiaries in the farming and fisheries sectors and to witness the improvement in their life situations as a result of the program interventions.

The findings and recommendations of the evaluation team would serve as a basis for further reflection on how to enhance the effectiveness of future Caritas programs in this field.







## Monitoring visit to Mannar District by German Partners

A team of Partners led by Ms. Tina Braun, Coordinator of Buendnis Ebntwicklung Hilft (BEH) Germany and including Mr. Peter Mucke of BEH and Mr. W. Flor of BMZ Germany undertook a 2-day monitoring visit to Mannar District on 28th & 29th February 2012 to get first-hand information about Caritas activities in Musali Division relating to the program funded by the German Government through Misereor Germany. The activities centred around livelihoods, vocational training and psychosocial support are being implemented by Valvuthayam Caritas Mannar under the guidance of Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC. The team of partners was accompanied by Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney, National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka, Rev. Fr. M. Jeyabalan, Director of Valvuthayam, Mr. K. Theiventhirarajah - Manager DRM Unit of SEDEC and Valvuthayam officials.

During the visit, the Partners were especially able to witness the progress made by the beneficiaries of livelihood projects such as farmers who were reaping a rich harvest and fishermen getting a good catch of fish. These two target groups had been provided with water pumps and fishing boats, respectively, as part of Caritas livelihood support. A number of youth who had undergone vocational training under this program were also seen operating mechanical workshops and welding units to earn reasonable incomes using their acquired skills.



## Visit to Vanni by Ms Victoria Jones, Programme Officer -Sri Lanka, Asia /Middle East Section, CAFOD







## Visit to Mannar by Mr. Michael Peyra, Program Coordinator, Caritas Australia



## Mid - term evaluation of the Integral Human Development Program



A de-briefing session regarding the mid-term evaluation of the Integral Human Development through Community Empowerment (IHDtCE) Program carried out by Mr S Arockiam, External Evaluator was held at the SEDEC auditorium on 22nd August 2011.

In the previous weeks, Mr Arockiam had visited the Diocesan Centres and undertaken field trips to meet members of the village level animation groups in order to assess the effectiveness of the IHDtCE program which had been started in January 2010. The program focuses on empowering the marginalized and vulnerable communities to achieve 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.

At the de-briefing session, the External Evaluator set out his detailed findings and recommendations to an audience comprising the Director and staff of the National Centre as well as Di-





ocesan Directors and their staff. Country Representatives of supporting Partners, Mr. Mehul Savla of Catholic Relief Services and Mr. Beppe Pedron of Caritas Italiana were also present at this event. Welcoming the participants to this meeting, the National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka, Rev Fr George Sigamoney said that the IHDtCE Program was one of the Strategic Priorities set out in the Strategic Plan of the organisation for the eight-year period 2009 - 2017. He traced the origin of the IHDtCE program to the year 1999 when SEDEC initiated the National Animation Program as a paradigm shift from charity and welfare to social animation and empowerment.

### **Appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Labour Migration**

The National Director of Caritas Sri Lanka, Rev. Fr. George Sigamoney was appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Labour Migration under the Chairmanship of Hon. Dilan Perera, Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, with effect from 10th August 2011.



### **Annual Staff Lenten Retreat**

Eymard Campbell Retreat House in Hanwella was the venue for the annual Lenten Retreat of the Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC staff, held on 26th March 2012. Rev.Fr. Lasantha de Abrew SJ preached the Retreat and conducted the Way of the Cross, followed by Eucharistic Celebration.







## **Finance Unit**

**PROJECT OVERVIEW - 1 April 2011 to 31st March 2012 ( Project Wise )**

Project	Agency	Amount (Rs.)	Total ( Rs.)	%
Capacity Enhancement for SEDEC Staff	CAFOD	1,693,191	1,693,191	0.34
CBDP Training Workshop	Caritas Asia	725,661	725,661	0.15
Child Protection Policy Programme	Caritas Italiana	8,070,763	8,070,763	1.61
Children Pilot Programme -Vanni	Caritas Italiana	5,941,520	5,941,520	1.19
Children Programme - Jaffna	Caritas Italiana	8,901,057	8,901,057	1.78
Children's Sponsorship Programme	Caritas Poland	10,722,459	10,722,459	2.14
Construction of Pre Schools in Vanni	Stitching Wilde Ganzen	4,731,312	4,731,312	0.95
Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	CIDA - Canadian International Development Agency	1,043,732		
	Caritas Italiana	4,683,657		
	Archbishop of Singapore	2,196,000		
	CORDAID	1,399,500	9,322,889	1.86
HR As A Learning Instrument- 105344	CORDAID	6,581,319	6,581,319	1.32
Human Rights Programme - 312/10115A	CORDAID	2,359,950	2,359,950	0.47
Integral Human Development - AO 2009053	Caritas Italiana	7,202,839	7,202,839	1.44
Lenten Campaign for Social Awareness	Caritas Italiana	619,718	619,718	0.12
Livelihood Support for War- Affected Women and their Children - P 110131	Caritas Schweiz	3,027,275	3,027,275	0.61
Permanent Houses and Toilets for War – Affected Returnees in Mullativu and Trincomalee - SLK 258	CAFOD	54,021,964	54,021,964	10.80
Pre Departure and Post Arrival Assistance for Sri Lanka Women Migrants	Caritas Luxembourg	3,157,654	3,157,654	0.63
Programme for Tsunami affected and IDP beneficiary	Caritas France - Secours Catholique	24,515,400	24,515,400	4.90
Project No 1420 - Return and Resettlement for conflict displaced IDP's	Catholic Relief Services - USCCCB	48,461,722	48,461,722	9.69
Project No 1423 - Return and Resettlement for conflict displaced IDP's	Catholic Relief Services - USCCCB	57,920,361	57,920,361	11.58
Psychosocial Intervention to Flood and War Affected Persons - M 312.000.11/002	Missio	2,401,043	2,401,043	0.48
Reconstruction of Permanent Core Houses and Livelihood support for War affected returnees - P 110068	Caritas Schweiz	133,395,816	133,395,816	26.67
Rehabilitation , Livelihood enhancement and Psycho-social activities for Northern IDP's in Sri Lanka - 322-900-1080	Misereor	57,528,923	57,528,923	11.50



## PROJECT OVERVIEW (Project Wise) - Cont...

Project	Agency	Amount (Rs.)	Total ( Rs.)	
Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 2/2011	Caritas Korea	3,270,000		
	Caritas Australia	20,328,750		
	Caritas Norway	980,989		
	Caritas Slovenia.	15,230,768	39,810,507	7.96
SA Peace Building Workshop	Caritas Asia	2,593,941	2,593,941	0.52
Safe Migration and Prevention of Human Trafficking	Caritas Italiana	2,933,102	2,933,102	0.59
Study tour to gain knowledge from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa	Misereor	465,625	465,625	0.09
Strengthening Democracy in Sri Lanka, Exercising the Universal Franchise	IFES . INC	552,890	552,890	0.11
War Affected IDP's Rest. Prog - BDC	Caritas International Belgium	2,426,159	2,426,159	0.49
		<b>500,085,059</b>	<b>500,085,059</b>	<b>100.00</b>



**PROJECT OVERVIEW - 1 April 2011 to 31st March 2012 ( Agency Wise )**

Agency	Project	Amount (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)	%
Archbishop of Singapore	Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	2,196,000	2,196,000	0.44
CAFOD	Permanent Houses and Toilets for War – Affected Returnees in Mul-lativu and Trincomalee - SLK 258	54,021,964		
	Capacity Enhancement for SEDEC Staff	1,693,191	55,715,155	11.14
Caritas Asia	SA Peace Building Workshop	2,593,941		
	CBDP Training Workshop	725,661	3,319,602	0.66
Caritas Australia.	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 2/2011	20,328,750	20,328,750	4.07
Caritas France - Secours Catholique	Programme for Tsunami affected and IDP beneficiary	24,515,400	24,515,400	4.90
Caritas International Belgium	War Affected IDP's Rest. Prog - BDC	2,426,159	2,426,159	0.49
Caritas Italiana	Child Protection Policy Programme	8,070,763		
	Children Pilot Programme -Vanni	5,941,520		
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	Integral Human Development - AO 2009053	7,202,839		
	Lenten Campaign for Social Awareness	619,718		
	Safe Migration and Prevention of Human Trafficking	2,933,102	38,352,654	7.67
Caritas Korea	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 2/2011	3,270,000	3,270,000	0.65
Caritas Luxembourg	Pre Departure and Post Arrival Assistance for Sri Lanka Women Migrants	3,157,654	3,157,654	0.63
Caritas Norway	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 2/2011	980,989	980,989	0.20
Caritas Poland.	Children's Sponsorship Programme	10,722,459	10,722,459	2.14
Caritas Schweiz	Reconstruction of Permanent Core Houses and Livelihood support for War affected returnees - P 110068	133,395,816		
	Livelihood Support for War-Affected Women and their Children - P 110131	3,027,275	136,423,091	27.28
Caritas Slovenia	Relief and Rehabilitation Programme - EA 2/2011	15,230,768	15,230,768	3.05

**PROJECT OVERVIEW (Agency Wise) - Cont...**

Agency	Project	Amount (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)	%
CIDA - Canadian International Development Agency	Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	1,043,732	1,043,732	0.21
CORDAID	Emergency Relief Programme to support Flood Victims EA 01/2011	1,399,500		
	HR As A Learning Instrument - 105344	6,581,319		
	Human Rights Programme - 312/10115A	2,359,950	10,340,769	2.07
Catholic Relief Services - USCCCB	Project No 1423 - Return and Resettlement for conflict displaced IDP's	57,920,361		
	Project No 1420 - Return and Resettlement for conflict displaced IDP's	48,461,722	106,382,084	21.27
IFES . INC	Strengthening Democracy in Sri Lanka; Exercising the Universal Franchise	552,890	552,890	0.11
Misereor	Study tour to gain knowledge from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa	465,625		
	Rehabilitation, Livelihood enhancement and Psycho-social activities for Northern IDP's in Sri Lanka - 322-900-1080	57,528,923	57,994,548	11.60
Missio	Psychosocial Intervention to Flood and War Affected Persons - M 312.000.11/002	2,401,043	2,401,043	0.48
Stitching Wilde Ganzen	Construction of Pre Schools in Vanni	4,731,312	4,731,312	0.95
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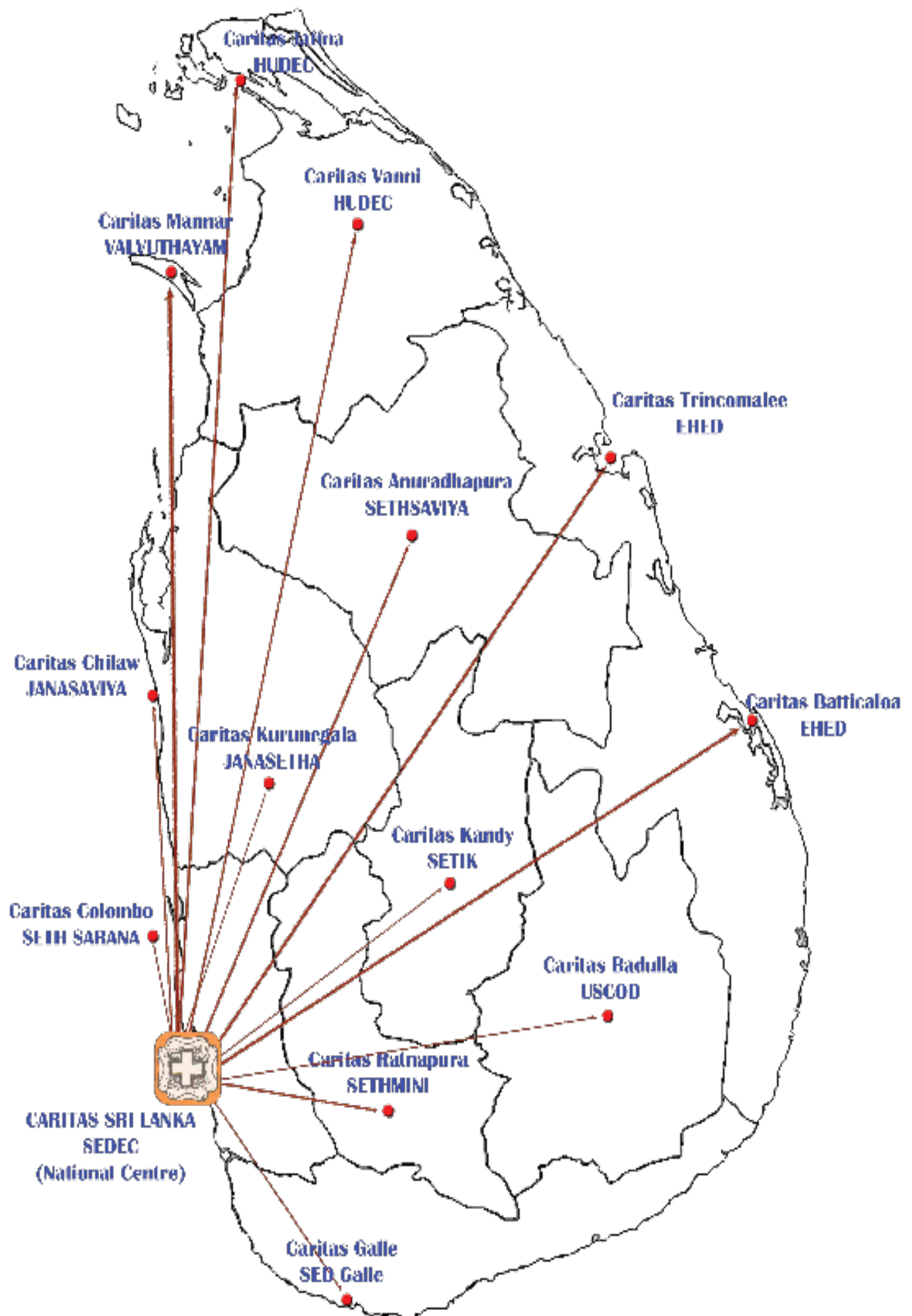
















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