



**5th Meeting of Agencies involved
in Cooperative Development:
TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION
24-25-26 January 2006
Galadari Hotel, Colombo (Sri Lanka)**

Background

This is the 5th meeting of a series of meetings organised among agencies involved in cooperative development. These meetings aim at improving understanding on modes of operation (priorities, project selection, funding, reporting including assessments and evaluation), sharing information on activities, challenges and successes with ultimate aim to avoid duplication and improve effectiveness. They are primarily technical meetings.

Aim

Based on the conclusions of the 4th Meeting of Agencies held in Berlin (Germany) in January 2005, this meeting is being organised to specifically share lessons learned from the Tsunami disaster response and development follow-up to understand challenges and best practices for future, as well as evaluate the commitments made in Berlin to improve information exchange in assessments to avoid duplication of activities and respect of each agency's areas of competency.

Participants

The meeting will bring together both development agencies and local partners from Sri Lanka and Indonesia. The meeting will include two-days of presentations and open discussion (24-25 January) followed by an all-day study visit to Tsunami effected areas (26 January).

Documentation

Each agency will be asked to provide a short description (not more than 2-3 pages per agency) of their Tsunami reconstruction activities – priorities, projects (title, funding, local partner, duration, sectors of activity, description), and plans for future actions which will be circulated prior to the meeting in a background document to help both agencies and local partners have a better overview of the activities currently taking place and already planned.

Output

The expected output of the meeting includes a report compiling cooperative development activities undertaken in Tsunami Reconstruction, a report on lessons learned and a proposal for future actions. These reports and the presentations made will be widely disseminated.

Meeting Format

Each session of the meeting will have a facilitator and some background presentations to bring forward lessons learned (challenges and best practices). Discussions of the entire group will follow with proposals for future action identified, responsibilities assigned and agreed follow-up.

Venue and Hotel Accommodation

The meeting will be held at the Galadari Hotel in Colombo (<http://galadarihotel.com>). Participants should inform the COPAC secretariat of their arrival and departure dates to book hotel rooms. Local partners are currently negotiating room rates and these will be communicated as soon as possible. Transport from the airport to the hotel will be also made available if required.



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction

COPAC Chairperson or his representative

Disaster Response: Relief

- ❖ Overview of cooperative responses at international level
- ❖ Immediate relief and needs assessments
 - Sri Lanka: Speaker to be determined from among Sri Lankan representatives*
 - Indonesia: H.M Hanafia, Chair, DEKOPINWIL, Indonesia*
- ❖ Discussion
- ❖ Proposals for future disaster response

Reconstruction Response: Cooperative Development Projects

- ❖ Assessment of needs and information flows among partners
- ❖ Overview of responses by cooperative development agencies
 - Presentation of the background information*
- ❖ Areas of Need still unmet
 - Local partners*
- ❖ Discussion on commitments made on avoidance of duplication and respect for competencies
- ❖ Proposals for future action

Challenges Faced

- ❖ Perspective from local partners in Sri Lanka and Indonesia on working with one or multiple partners
- ❖ Perspective from agencies of effectiveness of coordination and information-sharing including shared/joint evaluations for agencies working with the same local partners
- ❖ Discussion
- ❖ Proposals for future action

Turning Mobilised Resources into New and/or On-going Support

- ❖ Long-term development perspectives:
 - Development agencies and Local partners*

Summary of Conclusions and agreement of follow-up and responsibilities

COPAC Chairperson or his representative

Study Tour (26 January 2006- All day)

3 January 2006