



**5th Meeting of Agencies involved
in Cooperative Development:
TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION**

**24-25-26 January 2006
Salon Orchid, Galadari Hotel
Colombo (Sri Lanka)**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

23 JANUARY

19:30

A dinner will be hosted by SANASA for the participants of the Meeting of Agencies together with the participants of the SANASA workshop on microfinance, "Create a vision for rural finance in Sri Lanka". The dinner will be held in Salon Anthurium of the Galadari Hotel. Invitations will be distributed at the workshop and information on the dinner will be available at the Hotel.

24 JANUARY

9:00 Welcome and Introduction

Huseyin Polat, Vice-Chair, COPAC and Senior Specialist, Cooperative Branch, International Labour Office (ILO)

Mr. Polat will invite participants to briefly introduce themselves.

9:30-12:30 Session 1: Disaster Response and Relief

Facilitator: Iain Macdonald, Director-General, International Co-operative Alliance

- Immediate relief and needs assessments
 - Sri Lankan cooperative movement representatives
 - Indonesian cooperative movement representatives
- Overview of cooperative responses at international level
- Discussion
- Proposals for future disaster response including methods of information gathering, centre collection point for wide dissemination, etc

This session aims to understand the response of the cooperative movement and agencies to disasters. Learning from what happened in the Tsunami, participants should draw lessons on how to improve reaction time, relief and immediate needs assessments, and coordination of relief efforts to ensure efficient disbursement of aid in future disasters (earthquakes, floods, other natural disasters, etc). Discussions should also explore the role of government in coordination efforts and the relations between governments and cooperative movements in this regard. Should proposals emerge, clear roles and responsibilities should be assigned for follow-up.

10:30-10:45 Coffee/tea Break

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-17:30 SESSION II: Reconstruction Response – Cooperative Development Projects

Facilitator: Stirling Smith, Associate, Co-operative College UK, United Kingdom

- Assessment of needs and information flows among partners
 - ICA Assessment Study
 - Information flows: ICA, inter-agency contacts, etc
 - Local partners
- Overview of responses by cooperative development agencies
 - Canadian Cooperative Association (CCA), Canada
 - International Labour Office (ILO)
 - Legacoop, Italy
 - International Center for Cooperative Studies, Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (NISPED), Israel
 - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
 - Swedish Cooperative Centre (SCC), Sweden
 - World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU)
 - International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)
- Areas of Need still unmet
 - Local partners
 - Agencies
- Discussion on commitments made on avoidance of duplication and respect for competencies
- Proposals for future action

The sessions aim is two-fold. The first is sharing information on activities in the Tsunami affected areas (current and planned projects) and identifying the level of collaboration / duplication (if any) and mechanism used among agencies in the assessment and implementation stages as well as identifying needs that still remain unmet. The second is to distil lessons learned on mechanisms to improve sharing of information and coordination among agencies. Should proposals emerge, clear roles and responsibilities should be assigned for follow-up.

In the course of the session participants should respond to a number of questions including: how were assessments undertaken to formulate the projects; was the ICA assessment shared among agencies as agreed in the 4th Meeting of Agencies used or useful? Did agencies consult or exchange information among partners and agencies in the project development phase or implementation phase? Have any mechanisms been set up to share information including information on in-country collaboration, lessons learned, sharing cooperative expertise and access, documentation of the impact of international cooperative assistance in reconstruction? Has there been any duplication of activities and if so why? Are there areas of need that continue to be unmet and why?

15:30-15:45 Coffee/tea Break

17:30 End of Day 1

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09:00-10:15 Continuation of SESSION II: The Reconstruction Response-Cooperative Development Projects

10:15-10:30 Coffee/tea Break

10:30-12:30 SESSION III: Challenges Faced

Facilitator: Stefania Marcone, Director, International Relations, Legacoop, Italy (*to be confirmed*)

- Perspective from local partners on working with one or multiple agencies
- Perspective from agencies on effectiveness of coordination and information-sharing including shared/joint evaluations for agencies working with the same local partners

- Discussion
- Proposals for future action

The session is aimed at having a frank discussion between participants on the challenges they have faced both from a local partners and agency point of view. Participants should clearly identify the challenges which might include relations with government, communications, technical issues, information gaps. In this session the participation of local partners will be sought to distil both technical issues (for example current and future challenges of working with multiple agencies), political, information/coordination issues. Participants should seek distil lessons learned for future interventions and follow-up activity in Sri Lanka and Indonesia in particular. Should proposals emerge, clear roles and responsibilities should be assigned for follow-up.

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:45 SESSION IV: Turning Mobilised Resources into new and/or on-going Support

Facilitator: Jo-Anne Ferguson, Senior Director, International Department, Canadian Cooperative Association (CCA)

The session will focus on how to mobilise additional support for the needs still unmet and further promote cooperative development in the region. Discussions should also focus on improving the impact on-going support. Should proposals emerge, clear roles and responsibilities should be assigned for follow-up.

15:45-16:00 Coffee/tea Break

16:00 Summary of Proposals and Agreement on follow-up

Huseyin Polat, Vice-Chair, COPAC and Senior Specialist, Cooperative Branch, International Labour Office (ILO)

17:00 Closing

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All day Study Tour

SANASA will provide a bus to pick up participants from the Galadari Hotel. Further information will be provided during the meeting.

Contact during the COPAC Meeting:

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