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Subject: **Gender Forum Meeting - Kilinochchi**
Time: 22 August 2007, Wednesday, 15.00Hrs
Venue: UNHCR
Chair Person: Mr. S.Kengatharan UNOCHA

Meeting Minutes

Chair person welcome all the participants and request for self introduction.

Minutes were adapted after the comments from WUSC, Solidar and Forut is included.

Updates of Activities

KAROD: The representative express the relationship of the gender related issues and disability. The community based rehabilitation is on going by forming groups and facilitate the mutual support among members. 64 community groups already formed. The groups require support in terms of education, income generation and medical treatment.

CARE: The update will be provided in the next meeting.

Solidar: Temporary shelter program in Manthai west and Puthukudiyiruppu, , toilet construction in schools, cash grant for 4 villages and cadjan weaving program for 4 villages is on going.

Oxfam: Gender awareness program in 5 villages and skill development program of NGOs is on going. Shelter program and livelihood support program is on going. 20 applications for gender resource pool are received. The applicants were government staff from MOH office, Education, and Kachcheri from Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu. Concern of not received any application from NGOs, especially from CWDR and WWDF was expressed. Request from planning division of Kachcheri, Kilinochchi is received for workshop on gender related knowledge development.

Forut: Gender training program in 6 villages completed. The livelihood support program with the provision of poultry and water pump is on going.

UNHCR: Street drama program in 20 villages is in progress. EVI assistance of livelihood support also on going. More explanation on EVI assistance is provided for the benefit of new participants.

UNDP: Livelihood support programs in both district is on going. One WRDS in Mullaitivu district already started to market the cadjans and getting income. Number of livelihood support projects are in planning stage.

WUSC: Planned Vocational trainings are on going. Women were included in 3 programs.

OCHA: Coordination and compiling information of different agencies is the role. A format was already forwarded for all members to provide information. Still waiting for information from members.



HDU: Mine risk education is on going. More women participants used to participate in the programs.

Future Plan

Planned activities of each agency discussed. Generally, continuation of on going programs of shelter program, gender awareness program, livelihood support programs and street drama programs were expressed by agencies.

In addition to these regular programs, TOT program for resource pool and Gender program for Planning unit also express by Oxfam

General concern

General resistance in community level for discussion on gender equality is discussed.

Importance of role of NGO consortium in informing the gender forum regarding gender related gaps and issues in field level is discussed.

Concept of 'Safe home' and practical difficulties discussed.

Possibility of sharing of information of general projects, in gender perspective is discussed.

Next meeting will be held on 20 September 3.00 PM at UNHCR.

Minutes taken by UNDP