

Minutes of the Taluk level Agri- meetings with NGOs and agri-line Departments in Nagapattinam, Vedaranyam, PR Puram, Thirukadiyur and Sirkali.

Immediate measures to be adopted for land reclamation in the Tsunami affected areas.

Nagapattinam – 19th August, 2005. Held at Collectorate Main conference Hall.

Mr. Chandrasekhar, NCRC welcomed the gathering and elaborated on the purpose of the meeting and called the dignitaries Mrs. Annie George, CEO, NCRC, Mr. Muthuvel, Joint Director of Agriculture, Mr. Mohammed Razeed, Assistant Director, Department of Horticulture to the dais and asked Mr. Muthuvel to preside the meeting.

Mr. Muthuvel, while addressing the gathering said the purpose of organizing taluk-level among NGOs, farmers, panchayat presidents, self-help groups, and agriculture departments is to come to a conclusion on what each Tsunami affected village wants and what is to be done on a priority basis. The Agriculture department on its part had sanctioned Rs 2.3 Crores for land reclamation for 296 self-help groups in the affected villages, he added.

Mr. Mohammed Razeed, during his speech said that totally 457 hectares of horticulture lands have been affected by Tsunami. The department had formed 104 self help groups so far and had opened bank accounts. He said the meeting among farmers, panchayat presidents, self-help groups, NGOs and agriculture departments would definitely highlight the status of the reclamation work in each village.

Mrs. Annie George, CEO, NCRC, pointed out that it is hardly a month for monsoon before that we have to finalize on the priorities for land reclamation. She said NCRC had brought the line departments, NGOs and the beneficiaries face-to-face to meet, discuss and come to a conclusion on land reclamation.

Mr. Chandra Mohan, NCRC pointed out to the gathering on the immediate measures to be adopted both in short-term and long-term basis. He formulated a comprehensive package to the gathering for immediate measures like

- Removal & transportation of sand /mud cast (if above 2 inches)
- Deep ploughing of the fields
- Trenching around the fields (along the bunds)
- Clearing farm ponds / common ponds
- Clearing irrigation / drainage channels

In short –term measures, he proposed activities like

- Green manuring in-situ
- Growing of saline tolerant crop varieties
- Application of organic manure in the form of farm yard manure / compost/vermi-compost.

He then presented a presentation on NGOs working in five taluk in the Nagapattinam district, namely Vedaranyam Taluk, Kilvelur Taluk, Nagapattinam taluk, Taramgambadi taluk and Sirkali taluk.

NGOs working in Vedaranyam Taluk

Sr.No.	Name of the Village	NGOs working in that area
1.	Pushpavanam	Bitsunami, Dhan, CYDA, Bharati and CASA
2.	Periyakuthagai	Dhan, TOFM, Kudumbam and Create
3.	Agashtampalli	TMSSS, TOFM
4.	Kovilpathu	TMSSS, Dhan, Kudumbam, TOFM and Bharati
5.	Vellapallam	TMSSS, Dhan, Kudumbam, TOFM and Bharati
6.	Nalluvethapathy	Dhan
7.	Topputhurai	Awakes
8.	Vedaranyam	TMSSS, Dhan, TOFM and Bharati
9.	Maharajapuram Keelpathi	TOFM

NGOs working in Kilvelur Taluk

Sr.No	Name of the Village	NGOs working in that area
1.	P R Puram	TMSSS, Dhan, Kudumbam, and Bharati
2.	Vilunthamavadi	Sevalaya, TMSSS, Dhan, Real Plan, and Bharati
3.	Tirupoondi East	Sevalaya, TMSSS, Dhan, Real Plan, and Bharati
4.	Vettaikkaran Iruppu	Sevalaya, Dhan, Kudumbam and Bharati
5.	Velankanni	TMSSS

NGOs working in Nagapattinam Taluk

Sr.No	Name of the Village	NGOs working in that area
1.	South Palpannaicherry	Avvai
2.	North Palpannaicherry	Avvai and CCD
3.	North Poigainallur	Kudumbam, AID and CCD
4.	South Poigainallur	TOFM
5.	Kuruvelankadai	Kudumbam, AID, CCD and World Vision
6.	Melanagur	CCD

NGOs working in Sirkali Taluk

Sr.No	Name of the Village	NGOs working in that area
1.	Vanagiri	CCD, Dhan, TOFM, Avvai and IECD
2.	Keelaiyur	Dhan and CCD
3.	Thiruvankadu	CEE and Avvai
4.	Thirumullaivasal	Care Plan, Avvai, CIKS and TOFM
5.	Vettankudi	Care Plan and Avvai
6.	Koolaiyar	Casa and CIKS
7.	Thandavankulam	Avvai
8.	Melaiyur	TOFM
9.	Tennampattinam	CCD
10.	Kattur	Avvai
11.	Mahendrapalli	TOFM
12.	Nepatthur	Sevai
13.	Manikramam	TOFM
14.	Thirunagiri	TOFM
15.	Puthuthurai	Avvai
16.	Pudupattinam	CIKS
17.	Palayapalayam	Avvai

NGOs working in Tharagambadi Taluk

Sr.No	Name of the Village	NGOs working in that area
1.	Marathampallam	Kudumbam, and RIM
2.	Pillaiperumalnallur	PEDA, Kudumbam and Best
3.	Kalamanallur	CCD, RIM and Kudumbam
4.	Manickkapanku	PEDA and CCD
5.	Sathankudi	PEDA and Eficor
6.	Erukattancherry	PEDA, Kudumbam and CCD
7.	Poraiyar	Eficor and Kudumbam
8.	Keelaperumpallam	Kudumbam

It was then decided to conduct meeting in each taluk with farmers, NGOs and Agriculture departments to finalize and start the land reclamation. The venue and places of the meeting was decided for further discussion.