

CSt- Executive Body Meeting

Date :11.08.07

Venue: CSt. Office

1. Validating the previous meeting minutes.

Previous meeting minutes was read by Mr. Jerald, Secretary of CSt and it was unanimously passed by the executive members.

2. Educational Assistance Scheme:

Suggestions came to improve the educational assistance scheme in a better way. Transparency and the accountability of the NGOs should be taken into account. A letter of acknowledgement from the NGOs mentioning their willingness to carry out this activities through the CSt. CSt should also prepare and send guidelines to the NGOs mentioning their roles and the responsibilities.

3. Block level NGOs Meetings:

The secretary informed that the block level NGOs meetings received very good response, and the concept of the CSt was well explained to the NGOs. The members felt the need for introducing this concept to the other blocks that are not affected by tsunami. This non tsunami area can be easily covered with the help of some NGOs like Rice Trust in Mayiladuthurai and Create at Kilvelore.

4. Documentary film on children issue.

An youth group from Tharangampadi area wish to produce a documentary film on children's issues in the village. They were requesting some assistance from CSt. CSt. referred them to contact Mr. Alfred from Real Plan. Real Plan would do the needful help if they come through the NGO RIM, the close partners of Care Plan.

5. Meeting in TNTRC, Chennai:

The Secretary announced about the follow up planning meeting in TNTRC , Chennai which is going to be held on 13th August. He was also explaining that as a follow up programe, TNTRC along with the other NGOs would like to meet the concerned departments to carry for ward the key recommendations that came during the state level workshop. The Secretary and the President have decided to go for the meeting on 13th.

6. Survey on Child Headed Families;

The survey on Child Headed families will be carried out with the help of NGOs in their working area. Good Shepherd and Rice India came forward to send their volunteers for these purposes. It was decided to get more help from the other NGOs.

7. Federation of Children – District Level :

As it was decided in the previous meeting, a planning meeting of NGOs on federation of children will be held on 14th August. This kind of planning meeting would help to minimize the duplication of activities.

8. Payment for the investigators who conducted the survey for UNICEF:

UNICEF along with the Department of Social Defense conducted a survey on the Tsunami orphan and children living with single parent. But there was a delay in making the payment for the investigators. Based on the request made by the CSt, ICCW has promised to send the DD in the name of the CSt. and CSt. in turn will disburse the amount for the investigators and submit the vouchers to the ICCW. The Board members decided to accept the money from ICCW on behalf of UNICEF, to make the payment..

8. Identity Card for the Executive Members.

It was decided to issue an identity card for the executive body members from the District Collector. But the members are asked to use it in a proper way and this card will be valid for one year..

9. Inter net facility to CST office.

It was decided to make arrangements for the internet facility for the new office.

10. New members to CSt:

Executive members visited an NGO “**WORD**” in Kilveloor before giving the membership. The team appreciated the NGO, and the spirit of enthusiasm and openness. Even though the members felt the need for the NGO to improve their capacities, it was decided to give them Membership.

RAISE India Trust from Vedaranyam was included as one of the members of CSt, since the executive members are familiar with their activities and the initiatives. The Executive committee has also decided to visit another NGO, **District Women and Children Development Welfare Society**, which applied for membership this week.

11. Students for TTC:

Five students got the seats from the neighboring TTI. The District Collector wants to honor those correspondents during the Independence Day celebration; Hence, It was decided to give a memento for those correspondents on behalf on CSt.

12. FGDs with the Differently Able Children:

It was decided to conduct a FGD with the differently able children, and their care takers to know the issues of these children. A format could be prepared for the same by 18th of this month, and the FGD will be conducted in LCPN office during the last week of August.

With this the meeting came to an end.

The following members attended the meeting.

1. Sr. Mercy - President
2. Mr. S. Jerald - Secretary
3. Mr. Ashok - Joint – Secretary
- 4 .Mr. Alfred - Board Member