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# **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

FRC has entered its 20th year of existence in 2012. The existence and functioning FRC is a credit to the staff and shows the determination with which they are functioning. The political climate in the country is changing. Political leaders are taking an upper hand over the general administration of the officials in state service. This naturally leads to corruption and frustration among the law abiding citizens and the honest government employees. They see those on the "right side" of the politicians gaining recognition and moving higher and taking control of the administrative structure. This ultimately leads to break down of natural justice and law and order.



It has started happening where officials are coaxed and forced to perform functions, from kneeling down before politicians, to giving orders and instructions against public interests. Even professionals in high positions are being instructed to perform against public interest. FRC too unfortunately in a way is affected in this situation and face difficulties.

Many INGOs are reducing / or closing down their activities under such circumstances. FRC had been requested to take over such functions in the North where the recently concluded long drawn out war had affected the civilian populations physically and mentally; not only the loss of employment and properties, but missing family members, survival of young women headed households, threat of strong military presence and political stooges in a situation described earlier, are all creating psychosocial problems, more than what is expected in the rest of the country. The shortage of Psychiatrists, suitably qualified psychosocial workers are aggravating the problems. The non recognition of such problems by the authorities responsible at that level of administration, or forced to do so, is a great concern for those in the field, who could provide assistance to the affected people; and that is a great concern for FRC.

I do hope our appeals to higher authorities at national level will be heard. If the present trend of amassing power with mini political leaders continue, mushrooming of lawless groups will become inevitable; there will be more need for FRC to expand; FRC functioning itself could become a threat to those concerned in power positions! Of course that will be a threat to the existence of FRC.

Let us all hope and pray that those in higher authority will provide the right directions to prevent the situation worsening and make Lanka 'The Wonder of Asia' as proclaimed, before people begin to wander.

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### **FUTURE OF FRC**

#### Vision

To be respected as one of the leading organizations for the rehabilitation of trauma survivors and for the prevention of trauma in Sri Lanka

#### Mission

To provide holistic treatment and care to those who have been affected by trauma, whilst lobbying and advocating to prevent trauma in Sri Lanka



# **Objectives**

FRC will offer its services and provide support to:

- All Sri Lankans irrespective of their ethnicity, religion, gender, age, social status, or their political
  affiliations.
- All Sri Lankans who have been subjected to physical and/or psychological injury caused by violence and/or acute stress in Sri Lanka or overseas.
- Dependents and close relatives of Sri Lankans who have died or are still suffering as a result of
  physical and or psychological injury caused by violence and or acute stress in Sri Lanka or overseas.

# **Target Groups**

FRC's clients include some or all of the following and their families:

- Survivors of war trauma
- Widows and widowers affected by trauma
- Children affected by trauma
- Women and men who have been disabled as a result of the trauma
- Internally displaced persons affected by trauma
- State and non-state ex-combatants affected by trauma
- Migrant workers affected by trauma

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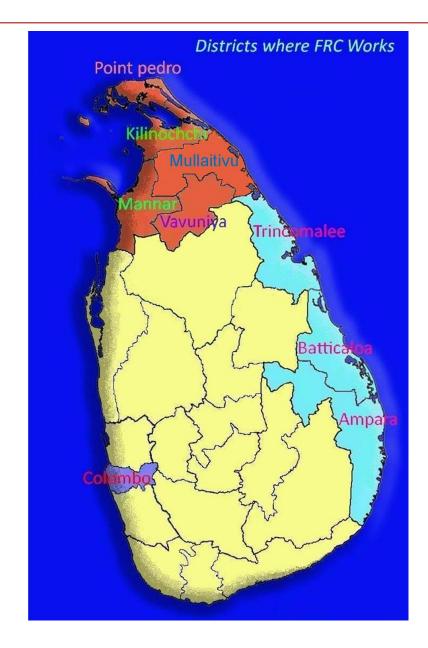
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FRC is maintaining and strengthening its reputation as a non-governmental organization representing the interest of its clients at the national level since 1991. FRC will continue the work done in the past, and will actively seek to raise its profile at the national level primarily through lobbying influential individuals, state institutions and agencies, as well as through advocacy at the national level, on behalf of its clients. FRC's continuing presence in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, and its expansion to the South and the West, will be internally reviewed during the course of next two years.



# FRC's Two Core Programmes

- FRC's **Trauma Rehabilitation Programme** delivers services and implements activities, the purpose of which is to provide holistic treatment and care to those who have been affected by trauma.
- Under its Trauma Prevention Programme, FRC staff lobby influential individuals, decision makers and decision making institutions and organizations, together with conducting advocacy campaigns aimed at preventing trauma in Sri Lanka.

FRC's Trauma Rehabilitation Programme continued to be the lead programme within the organization with majority of the services, activities and funding during the year being accounted for by the Programme. However, FRC also wishes to focus on its Trauma Prevention Programme and raise funds, implement activities, and deliver services under this initiative over the coming years, with the view to reduce the incidence of trauma in Sri Lanka.

This annual report highlights the implementation of FRC's core projects for the year and their achievements. Also presented are the organizational changes and some of the important case studies which provide an understanding of the implementation approaches, strengthening of staff capacity and other grassroots activities.

# **Victims of Trauma Treatment Project Outline (VTTP)**

Main objective of this project is to provide psychosocial support and medical assistance to the survivors of trauma and their families. Focus is also on working towards reducing the use of substances that create trauma, and in general to make the public and the stake holders aware of the survivor's needs in order to address the problems they are faced with.

# **IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES:**

# (1) TREATMENT AND HEALING

To rehabilitate survivors of trauma and their families, along with facilitating their reintegration into the community, to be self-reliant and self-supportive

# (2) ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To build the capacity of trauma treatment centres to facilitate the enhancement of the organization's effectiveness and sustainability in delivering healing services

# (3) MONITORING AND EVALUATION

To strengthen and expand the existing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system to measure effectiveness and improve services and contribute to the most effective interventions for support to trauma treatment services

In order to achieve the objective - "treatment and rehabilitation of survivors of trauma and their family members", FRC implemented activities within this programme which will help reduce psychosocial problems and physical problems, as well as enable affected people to play their respective role within their family and community.

Details of outputs and achievements of this project during 2012 are given with facts and figures in the ensuing analysis:

### Distribution of Clients by Gender, Age and Ethnicity

Total no of clients in 2012 for VTTP												
Centre	Total	Ge	nder		Age					Ethnicity		
		Male	Female	Below 18	Selow 18 19-32 years 33-55 years over 55 years S				Tamil	Muslim		
Anuradhapura	82	39	43	0	23	39	20	79	0	3		
Ampara	170	68	102	0	18	102	50	26	142	2		
Batticaloa	230	181	49	0	48	133	49	0	230	0		
Trincomalee	123	49	74	2	42	68	11	7	116	0		
Jaffna	47	7	40	0	7	24	16	0	47	0		
Mannar	147	42	105	0	44	87	16	0	147	0		
Point Pedro	156	50	106	2	55	81	18	0	156	0		
Vavuniya	173	47	126	11	42	94	26	0	173	0		
Kilinochchi	95	22	73	0	21	58	16	0	95	0		
Total	1223	505	718	15	300	686	222	112	1106	5		

#### **Distribution of Therapeutic Services**

#### **Medical Treatment**

Medical treatment was provided for clients who were identified during the initial screening stage by FRC. During the year 2012, **1,043** clients were provided with **3,212** medical treatment sessions. During these consultations, clients were provided with medication and health advice, followed by referrals to specialised institutions in the area or in another region for further treatment.

### **Physiotherapy Treatment**

During the period under review, 745 clients were provided with 2,039 physiotherapy treatment sessions.

# **Counselling Services**

#### **Individual counselling:**

FRC provided counselling services to people living in conflict affected areas, who had experienced various physical and psychological problems that have directly or indirectly affected their psychological wellbeing. The Psychosocial Workers (PSW) or the counsellors of FRC initially screened the clients to identify those who needed counselling services. Thereafter, through mutual discussion, a counselling treatment plan was developed as a guide to the healing process of psychological problems. During the year, FRC's district PSW's were able to provide 4,119 counselling sessions for 929 clients.

#### **Group Counselling**

Group counselling mainly involves a small group of members, who come together forming their own specific goals, share their problems and provide support to each other. As a group, the members strive to change their self-defeating behaviours. FRC centres successfully conducted various group-counselling sessions for the identified clients, categorizing them into the speciality of their problems and assisting them in developing their existing skills to deal with the psychosocial problems. During 2012 a total of 62 clients were grouped and provided counselling.



Following table provides specific details on the number of sessions carried out by FRC in each Centre:

	Details of Group Counselling								
FRC Centre	Group Name	No. of Participants	No. of Sessions	Main Topic Discussed					
Ampara	OT (IDP)	05	08	Sharing & remembering Referral & Terminated					
Batticaloa	TS	02	06	Safety & Security Problem Identification Remembering and Sharing Reconnecting					
Mannar	TS EX TF IFM TS	03 02 08 08 13	06 07 04 03 03	Safety and Security Relaxation exercises Letter writing Group discussion of a social problem Remembering & Sharing Self-employment Referral Termination & Reconnecting					
Point Pedro	Widows Teenagers EX Widows Widows DA	02 02 03 04 03	02 08 05 08 06 03	Safety & Security Remembering & Sharing Defence mechanism Sharing of recourses Relaxation techniques Reconnecting					
Trincomalee	TS TF	04 02	01 01	Safety & Security					
Vavuniya	WW EX	03 03	08 03	Safety & Security Problem identification Referrals					

EX – Ex Combatant WW – War Widow TS – Survivor of Trauma

IDP – Internally Displace Person IFM – Immediate Family Member TF – Survivor of Trauma (Family)

### Field, Follow-up and Home Visits

Regular follow up and home visits were done throughout 2012 to monitor the activities that are being implemented. This helped to ensure that the expected end results and impact of the project are achieved as planned. These visits assisted the Counsellors, FOs, and CVs to make note of the progress made by their clients, identify deviations from agreed actions, changes in the family context and also clear out any bottle-necks/challenges faced in the process. These visits have been a major component of the monitoring process of the project.

#### Referrals

Clients whose treatment needs could not be met by FRC and were referred to specialist service providers during 2012 numbered 423. The referrals were made based on location and specialty. FRC has been following-up on the progress of the referrals with clients.

# **Human Interest Story**

Geetha\* is a 50 year old female from the Northern region. She is a Hindu and she was referred to the FRC centre by a community volunteer. She is married and her husband is 48 years old. She has 4 boys, who are 21, 18, 12 and 10 years of age, whom she currently lives with. She was engaged in agricultural activities with her husband prior to the conflict.

In 2009 she was displaced from her village with her children and according to her, more than 150 of her relations and friends died from artillery and shell attacks. She explained how difficult it was to escape from her village and during their escape, her thigh, wrist, and fingers were wounded by the shell attacks. She was taken to the general hospital for treatment, and was then moved to an IDP camp with her family members. She has now resettled in her own village, but after that incident, her husband has become an alcoholic, violent, and abuses her and the children physically.

When Geetha came to FRC she presented the symptoms of inability to sleep, nightmare experiences, helplessness, flashbacks of trauma, inability to control her thoughts, tiredness, loneliness, suicidal thoughts, uselessness, difficulty in breathing, pain all over her body, and she also explained that she felt guilty because she was able to survive the war. While talking to the psychosocial worker, she started crying and disclosed how she feels tense, sad, and angry.

She explained how she sewed some parts of her wounds herself and the ordeal that she went through as a consequence. The recollection of these traumatic memories and the incidents make her uncomfortable, and when she described how she walked through the dead bodies with eyes closed, clutching her children's hands, she almost lifted her feet off the ground; this depicted the psychological distress that she was undergoing. During the discussion it was difficult for her to explain her experience to the PSW as she was so afraid even to think about the incidents that she experienced.

The PSW, after discussing with the technical committee, started treatments with Geetha for PTSD symptoms. She was referred for medical treatment and the PSW continued counselling treatment to help her lessen the trauma she is feeling. At the beginning she was reluctant to continue sessions, but due to the continuous support she received from the PSW and the community volunteer, she is now attending sessions regularly.

She was also referred to the mental health unit at the general hospital for further treatment. Through the counselling sessions, Geetha was given the opportunity to freely express her traumatic experience. Psycho education was given helping her to overcome her problems, and simple relaxation techniques were introduced to her with a hope of helping her to overcome her psychological distress. Opportunities for participation in social welfare programs through community workers, possibilities of getting help to improve family support were also presented and explained by the PSW in these sessions.

Geetha was properly observed by our community workers during home visits throughout, during which the CV found that the husband's violent behaviour is affecting her and her children. This was in turn intervening with the counselling being provided by FRC. The PSW had discussed with Geetha about action she could take in such situations, a safety plan for her and the children, and possible help for her husband through another organization working with people with addictions. Geetha now expresses how relaxed she is now and how much less disturbed she feels. She is actively participating in her daily work and thinking of participating in spiritual activities as well.

# Psychological Intervention for Former Combatants (PIFC) via IOM

The Project focused on the psychosocial intervention and medical needs of the former combatants and their families that are working with IOM, in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka. This intervention is designed to instil a sense of confidence in the former combatants and ensure their well-being and behaviour in society.

#### **IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES:**

- (1) To provide psychosocial support services to the clients to resume their roles within family and community.
- (2) To train and enhance the knowledge and professional skills of IOM and FRC staff.
- (3) To increase the capacity of FRC to support an integrated and holistic approach to former combatants and access through strengthened linkages and partnerships with other essential service providers in mental health, economic support, legal assistance, and other community-based services.

FRC efforts to achieve the above objectives, and the facts and figures pertaining to these during 2012, are discussed in the ensuing sections.

# Distribution of Clients by Gender, Age and Ethnicity

	Total no of clients in 2012 for PIFC										
Total	Total Gender Age Ethnicity										
	Male	Female	Below 19-32 33-55 over 55 Sinhala Tamil M								
	18 years years years										
132	55	77	11	53	55	13	0	132	0		

# **Distribution of Therapeutic Services**

Services in 2012									
Counselling Medical Physiotherapy									
No. of Clients	No. of Sessions	No. of Clients	No. of Sessions	No. of Clients	No. of Sessions				
74	327	109	167	37	66				

FRC with IOM provided counselling, medical and physiotherapy services to former combatants, of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka, who have experienced various physical and psychological problems which have directly or indirectly affected their wellbeing. After client identification by IOM/FRC field staff, the Psychosocial Workers (PSW) of FRC initially screened and assessed the clients to verify the need and the type of services required. During the year 2012 FRC was able to provide 327 counselling sessions, 167 medical sessions, and 66 physiotherapy sessions for 132 clients.

### **Referrals**

During the year, a total of 177 referrals were made to General Hospital, Kilinochchi for medical treatment (i.e., surgery, prosthetics and orthotics, visual and/or auditory impairments), and further treatment at the Mental Health Unit. Furthermore, a total of 10 referrals were made to other government offices and to other NGOs to obtain legal support. Regular follow-ups, home visits, and field visits were done throughout the year to monitor the activities and to ensure that the desired results are achieved.

## **OAK Foundation via IRCT**

FRC works in partnership with relevant government offices, NGOs, and INGOs to address the psychosocial needs of the population affected by trauma. Through this initiative, FRC reaches those persons affected by conflict and resettled, as well as those living in adjoining regions; assisting them to resume their roles within the family and community, and providing holistic psychosocial rehabilitation. The primary objective of this programme is to treat and rehabilitate survivors of trauma following the recent conflict, by ensuring that the FRC projects reach them. Partnership with OAK Foundation



helped to: extend FRC's capacity in the provision of psychosocial services; increase access to medical and physiotherapy services; develop community based psychosocial services; and increase awareness of mental health issues.

#### Rehabilitation of Survivors of Trauma

Under this project, an additional 72 clients, 30 males and 42 females, were identified and treated. FRC provided 222 individual counselling sessions for 38 clients, 268 medical sessions for 62 clients, and 168 physiotherapy sessions for 43 clients, along with reintegrating them into their communities. 20 clinics were conducted to provide medical and physiotherapy services. 31 clients were referred to obtain further medical care.

# Prevention of trauma

In order to prevent trauma and make the communities more aware of the psychological consequences of trauma, 4 community awareness programmes were organized in the areas where FRC operates. In addition, FRC conducted 2 training programmes on identification of Trauma among Community Volunteers (CVs), as they are the first focal point within the community.

#### **Institutional Strengthening**

Under this project, 4 capacity building programmes were carried out for existing and recently recruited staff. The main objective of these programmes is to further develop their knowledge, skills, attitude, and practices to ensure that they are able to provide quality services to the beneficiaries.

#### The Target clients were;

- Torture survivors
- Torture survivor's Family
- Ex-Combatants
- Bomb Blast victims
- War Widows
- Multiple Displaced People & Other victims of severe trauma

#### **Project Locations**

Ampara, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Point-Pedro, Mannar, Vavuniya, Kilinochchi

# **Livelihood Support via CFLI Project**

Mental health issues have a direct link with poverty, and show that living in poverty for any significant length of time increases risk factors for physical/ mental health problems. People living in poverty are stressed due to constantly worrying about their finances and their future. The relationship between mental health problems and poverty is cyclical, where poverty increases the risk of mental health problems, and having a mental health problem increases the likelihood of descending into poverty. Addressing the problems of people with mental health issues should be included in programmes intended to decrease poverty. Regular developmental programmes should provide livelihood support to bring them out of poverty. For such programmes to achieve positive outcomes, they should be targeted with a holistic perspective, wherein the interventions are a combination of psychosocial activities, medical treatment, the creation of awareness, and provision of income generating opportunities.

One such intervention of FRC was supported by Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). This livelihood support programme commenced activities in October 2012 and continued through March 2013. The objective of this project was to increase income generating opportunities for FRC's terminated clients, thereby improving their quality of life, and that of their families, by reintegrating them successfully into society as respectable individuals and families.

During the reporting period, the preliminary needs assessment survey, to identify and select clients for the project, was done through the Grass Root Level Action Committee (GRLAC) and the Community Volunteers (CVs). FRC was able to short list 209 clients from the districts of Kilinochchi, Mannar, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, and Ampara who had been successfully terminated from FRC's services. This process was carried out with the assistance of GRLA Committee and Grama Niladhari (GN).

Beneficiaries were provided with awareness on the importance of psychosocial wellbeing for livelihood development, basic livelihood activities, and how to select appropriate livelihood sector for the client. Technical training was provided on life skills related to agriculture, fishing, wood crafts, cattle breeding, goat rearing, home gardening, rain water harvesting etc. with the support of the relevant government Development Officers. This institutional support has enhanced their opportunities to undertake income earning ventures through groups with access to finance from MFIs/Banks, and to establish production with necessary market linkages.





# **Human Interest Story**

Nimalan\* is a 30 year old male from the northern region. He was referred to FRC centre by the community volunteer as the family members during a home visit has disclosed that he was having physical and psychological problems due to the incidents he has gone through.

In 2008, when he was 26 years old, he was forcefully recruited by the LTTE. He was sent for training and when he refused, he was assaulted by the LTTE and sent to the battle field before he received any formal training. He has tried to escape from the LTTE three times during the year 2008, but was always recaptured and brought back to the LTTE camp. As punishment, he was put in to a dark room and kept in it for three months. During this time he was not given enough food or water, and he lost his perception of day and night. He was also physically assaulted with a wooden pole and a wire rod.

He was released from the dark room three months later and was reinstated as a troop. Once again attempted to escape the LTTE, and while he was being pursued by the LTTE and being shot at and his shoulder was hit by a bullet. Nimalan managed to escape and was admitted to a hospital, where the bullet was removed. Once he had recovered, he was sent to an IDP camp from which he escaped as well. He then settled down at his relative's home in his native village.

During the assessment, the PSW observed that he was stressed and his self-care had diminished. His facial expressions were sad and he was also agitated. The PSW was able to identify symptoms similar to PTSD. He had physical symptoms such as decreased sleep and appetite, nightmares, and pain in the joints. The psychological symptoms the PSW identified were fear when he travels near the sea, anger, sadness, suicidal thoughts, and flashbacks. Behaviourally he had started drinking alcohol and eating Beatle leaves.

He went through continuous counselling and medical treatments for three months. He has received 3 medical sessions for the physical complaints and 3 physiotherapy sessions were conducted for the pains. He was referred to the hospital to get further treatment for his suicidal thoughts and medical services.

Nimalan received individual counselling for the psychological symptoms he was displaying and completed 12 sessions with the PSW. He underwent simple breathing exercises for anger, sadness and agitation. The PSW also did activities which involved Nimalan imagining pleasant scenery of the sea and beach, which has helped to reduce his fear of the sea. Psychoeducation sessions were conducted on sleep hygiene and activities to reduce nightmares.

The PSW started noticing positive changes in Nimalan with continuous counselling. His fear and agitation has reduced and he began talking freely about his feelings. His sleep pattern is improving and he is now able to take care of his hygiene. He reported being happier and that his general wellbeing has improved. During follow up visits he expressed that he has increased his involvement in community development activities and religious activities.

Working with trauma survivors and reintegrating them into society requires extensive expertise and skills. In order to serve the clients in a professional way, it is essential for the field and head office staff to have access to the latest knowledge. During the year 2012, FRC arranged and conducted regular training programs for field staff to develop their skills in their field of expertise. Details of these are as follows:



# **FRC Start-Up Workshop**

FRC's start-up workshop for all program staff (Regional Coordinators, Psychosocial Workers and Field Officers) was held at the EISD on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2012. The objective of the workshop was to share FRC's attainments during the past year, as well as FRC's plans under the VTT Program for the following year. While FRC and TAF were the main facilitators, resource person Dr. Ganesan conducted a workshop session on the effects of trauma.





Regular Training programs were conducted for field staff during the year 2012. Following are the details of the Programs:

# **Capacity Building Workshops for PSWs**

Area	Date	No of Participants	Theme of the Program	Name of Facilitators
Vavuniya	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	06	Regional Training on Group Counselling	FRC Clinical Psychologist
Trincomalee	16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	05	Regional Training on Group Counselling	FRC Clinical Psychologist
Jaffna	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	18	Regional Training on Tree of Life Narrative Technique	Clinical Psychologists Dr. Laura Kemmis and Dr. Anita Marsden of Kings College of London
Trincomalee	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	10	Regional Training on Tree of Life Narrative Technique	Clinical Psychologists Dr. Laura Kemmis and Dr. Anita Marsden of Kings College of London
Anuradhapura	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	14	Trauma and working with people with trauma  Session on CIF	Dr. Eranda Jeyawickrama and his research team including a Psychiatrist and a Clinical Psychologist from USA, FRC
			Introduction to M & E procedures of FRC	Clinical Psychologist, Assistant M & E, & Regional coordinator (east)
Colombo	21 <sup>st</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2012	14	Skills of conducting group interventions through the use of group counselling.  Data collection and record keeping	Dr. Laurie Charles, Dr. Linda Neilson, the clinical psychologist and M & E Team of FRC

# **Capacity Building Workshop for Field Officers**

Area	Date	No of Participants	Theme of the Program	Name of Facilitators
Anuradhapura	26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> of March 2012	13	Understanding of working environment and clients, improve competency of FOs to deliver better services and understanding of client screening process	Mr. Ranawake and Dr. Sivathas
Colombo	28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	12	FRC strategic plan for 2012 to 2015, enhance the knowledge of FOs on trauma and understanding traumatic clients behaviours to client screening process and improving data & financial management in centres	Ms. Kanthi Hettigoda, TAF & FRC Team

# **Training Programme for IOM & FRC Field Staff**

A training module was developed, shared, and finalized with IOM staff, and the first training programme in screening and basic communication skills was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2012. It was facilitated by the FRC Clinical Psychologist, Medical Officer and the Senior PSW of General Hospital, Kilinochchi. Participants were the IOM field staff, FRC Kilinochchi staff and the Regional Coordinator – North.





# **Care for Caregiver**

FRC staff deal with traumatized people throughout the year, listening to their adverse life experiences, and working continuously toward the betterment of their physical and psychological wellbeing. As we all know, listening to such traumatic stories and working with traumatized people in order to uplift their present condition to a more positive one, is not an easy task. It can be very demanding mentally and physically, and it can lead to staff "burn out" if precautionary measures are not taken.

Therefore, it is necessary for the staff to get a chance to meet, relax, enjoy, and increase their own psychological wellbeing. In July 2012, the entire staff went to Trincomalee on a three day get-together called "Care for Caregiver".

The get-together was from 03<sup>rd</sup> July until 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at Sarvodaya in Trincomalee. In the evening of the first day, staff from the two regions and from Colombo arrived in Trincomalee. On that same evening, after a buffet dinner, there were entertaining activities such as singing, dancing, and indoor games where the staff got the chance to share their talents and an opportunity to interact with each other.



Day 2 was for an outing where the staff went to Koneshwaram Temple for the morning Pooja. This was followed by a trip to Kinniya where they got the chance to experience the dip in the 7 Hot Water Wells. Nilaveli beach was the next destination for the team where they enjoyed the boat ride to Pigeon Island. At the end of the day, the staff had a wonderful time at Marble Beach enjoying dinner in picturesque surroundings.





Day 3 was reserved for travelling and all staff returned to their respective regions. Staff members appreciated the program and enjoyed the activities, as it gave them a chance to meet and interact with staff members from FRC branches across all seven districts.



**Group Picture** 

# **MONITORING & EVALUATION**

The Monitoring & Evaluation process, especially in data management, has been developed substantially with the effort of FRC staff, The Asia Foundation (TAF) team, and external consultants. Data collection and transferring tools are continuously revised to capture the most essential information, so as to evaluate FRC's initiatives. In addition, the SPSS database management system was introduced in order to:



- To evaluate the progress of counselling, medical, and physiotherapy services
- To evaluate the client's assessments
- To evaluate the client's progress by analyzing the client's distress and adaptation scores
- To create relevant tables for the quarterly and annual reports

When developing the FRC database, foreign consultation was taken to improve the technical background of the staff. A technical consultancy workshop was held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 with Dr. Jon Hubbard at TAF. The M&E Officer, Clinical Psychologist, Assistant M&E, and the External Consultant participated in the discussion. The following areas were covered during the consultation:

- Data Management Systems
- The preliminary internal analysis of (FRC) CIF Data
- The prepared outcome of internal the analysis
- The next phase of the analysis

# **ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT**

FRC Kilinochchi Centre was ceremoniously opened by the Honourable Ambassador for Japan and his wife on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2012. The Country Director, Co-ordinator and field Staff of IOM; The Chief Executive Director, Psychologist, Accountant, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, Regional Co-ordinator for the North and field staff of FRC; INGO representatives, Additional GA, and medical staff participated in the event. The Honourable Ambassador emphasized the importance of psychosocial intervention in Kilinochchi and commended FRC for its efforts.



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# **STRATERGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

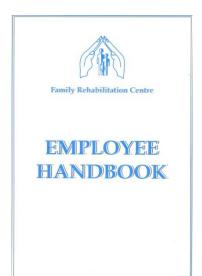
The Family Rehabilitation Centre (FRC) is now implementing a project in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Provincial Ministries of Health, and many other Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations, in order to address the psychosocial needs of the communities in post conflict, resettled areas and adjoining regions. To name some of them:



- The Asia Foundation
- USAID
- Ministry of Social Services
- District NGO Consortiums
- Consortium for Humanitarian Agencies
- Psychosocial Forum
- ICRC
- Sarvodaya
- National Universities
- District and Base Hospitals
- District and Divisional Secretaries (GAs & AGAs)
- IRCT
- IOM
- Human Rights Commission
- CARITAS
- Legal aid Commission
- Group for Helping Hand
- Brendina Micro credit organization
- Norwegian Refugee Council
- Sewalanka Foundation
- Women and child bureau
- Cooperative Union
- Lanka Rain Water Harvesting Forum
- Handicap International
- Child Protection Office

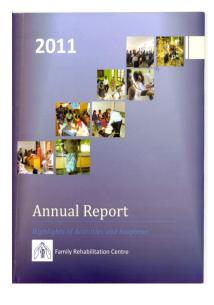
# **PUBLICATION**

During 2012 following were added to the Family Rehabilitation Centre's list of publications:



# **Employee Handbook**

This handbook provides policies and procedures pertaining to the terms and conditions of employment in FRC. The policies written here are applicable to all employees unless otherwise indicated. Policies and provisions set herein are governed by the Laws of Sri Lanka and the contents of the handbook are in keeping with the current labour legislation of Sri Lanka.



# FRC Annual Report 2011

The Annual Report provides details of FRC's Programmes, their mandates and how much FRC has achieved during the year, together with the financial performance of the institution in 2011.

# **MANAGEMENT & OPERATION**

#### Chairman

The Honorary Chairman of the Board is responsible for the management, development and effective performance of the Board of Directors, and provides leadership to the Board on all aspects of the Board's work.

The Chairman acts in an advisory capacity to the Chief Executive Director (CED) and the Directors in all matters concerning the interests and management of FRC and, in consultation with the CED, plays a role in the organization's external relationships.

#### **FRC Members**

There are currently 11 Members on the FRC Board who are professionals and experts in different fields. Their key function is to appoint the Board of Directors, approve financial records such as end of year accounts, balance sheets, reports by the directors and auditors. These formalities are adhered to and conducted once a year at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Board of Directors**

FRC is managed by the Board and which is the main policy making body of the organization and responsible for its governance. There are currently 9 Directors and they determine in principle all of FRC's functioning including long term strategic plans; the budgetary and financial decisions; as well as the thrust of programmes. The members support in fundraising, monitoring the integrity of FRC's internal and disclosure controls, procedures and management information systems.

The Board is responsible for the Strategic Direction of the organization and adopts a strategic planning process and annually approves the strategic plan which takes into account, among other things, the opportunities and risks of FRC.

The Board ensures the integrity and quality of the FRC's financial reporting, systems of internal control, risk management, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and the qualifications and independence of the FRC's external auditors.

#### Dr. C. S. Nachinarkinian - Chairman

Health Co-ordinator International Relief & Development/ Medical Doctor

#### **Company Secretaries to the Board:**

Corporate Affairs (Pvt.) Limited

#### Dr. T. Gadambanathan - Director

Psychiatrist, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa

# **MANAGEMENT & OPERATION**

# Dr. Deepika Udagama - Director (Resigned from BOD)

Head, Department of Law, University of Peradeniya

# Ms. Shikanthini Varma Attanayake - Director

Company Director/ Project Manager, Bishops College

# Ms. Manouri Kokila Muttetuwegama - Director

Attorney-at-Law

# Dr. Upul Ajith Kumara Tennakoon - Director

Consultant – JMO

Institute of Legal Medicine and Toxicology

### Ms. Dilkie Fernando - Director

**Financial Consultant** 

## Ms. Sithie Subahaniya Tiruchelvam - Director

Senior Partner/ Attorney-at-Law Tiruchelvam Associates

# **Prof. Sivagurunathan Sivayogan - Director**

Community Medicine, faculty of Medical Science, University of Sri Jayawardanapura

# Dr. Visvanathar Jeganathan

Former Director General Ministry of Health



# **MANAGEMENT & OPERATION**

# **Chief Executive Director (CED)**

This is an Executive function, carried out in consultation with and support from the Board. The CED executes the vision, policies and strategic direction of the Organization, and provides the necessary input to device the goals and objectives set out in the strategic plan.

The CED is responsible for the overall management and supervision of a multi-disciplinary team of staff and professionals to achieve the objectives and implement the strategic plan of the organization. The CED monitors the performance measurements/goals for each operational unit, programmes, and budgets, and also communicates the results of activities and performance to the Board, relevant Government Agencies and Donor Agencies.

The CED maintains a high level relationship with the relevant Government Institutions, Donor Agencies and Armed Forces. The CED is also responsible for fundraising, by identifying and developing new funding opportunities and maintaining rapport with different stake holders.

# **Senior Management Committee**

It is the function of this committee to ensure the proper Strategic Direction of the organization to reach its highest levels of excellence through good governance practices, motivation and financial diligence. It is also this committee which is responsible to introduce processes of cost reduction, put in place new policies and procedures, including making necessary decisions on Human Resource matters.

The committee ensures communication within the organization and with relevant partners in a professional and timely manner, shares the outcome of progress reviews and evaluations, and ensures implementation of the recommendations.

### **FRC STAFF**

#### **HEAD OFFICE**

Mr. Lahiru Perera - Chief Executive Director

Mr. Nadarajah Satheesh - Accountant

Ms. Amalka Edirisinghe - Clinical Psychologist

Mr. Anjula Jayasundara - Monitoring & Evaluation Officer

Ms. Niranjala Somasundaram - Assistant Monitoring & Evaluation Officer

Ms. K. Nalinirani - Account Assistant
Ms. Hema Pallage - Book Keeper

Mrs. Anjali Perera - Administrative & Information Officer

Mrs. Charmaine Kelaart - Secretary

Mr. S. Michael - Multi Duty Clerk

Mr. M. P. B. Sarathchandra - Driver
Ms. Meena Logini - Office Aide

### STAFF IN THE DISTRICTS

# **Ampara**

Ms. A. Nawsna - Psychosocial Worker Mr. M. Thirumal - Psychosocial Worker

Mr. S. Paskaran - Field Officer

# **Anuradhapura (Closed down in September)**

Mr. U. A. Sumanasena - Psychosocial Worker

Ms. W. A. P. Thilakawardana - Field Officer
Mr. K. A. Chandana Anuradh - Field officer

#### **Batticaloa**

Ms. A. Jayaseeli - Psychosocial Worker Mr. A. Selvakumar - Psychosocial Worker

Ms. K. Queen Mary - Field Officer Mr. M. Suresh - Field Officer

### Jaffna (Closed down & Shifted to Kilinochchi in March, 2012)

Mr. Anton Paul Rajesh - Psychosocial Worker
Mr. Anton Punitharasa - Psychosocial Worker
Ms. A. Sheriel Famila - Psychosocial Worker

Ms. K. Thambirajah - Field Officer
Mr. S. Sivagnaseharam - Field Officer
Mr. Diron Shenal - Field Officer

### FRC STAFF

#### Mannar

Ms. S. Sebanayaki - Psychosocial Worker Ms. Surenthini Jesubalan - Psychosocial Worker

Mr. R. M. R. Sara Vimal Raj - Field Officer
Mr. Kumar Dinesh - Field Officer

### **Point Pedro**

Mr. V. Vinayagamoorthy - Regional Coordinator (Retired)

Mr. C. Ragan - Psychosocial Worker Ms. Pushpalatha Ravikumar - Psychosocial Worker

Ms. Anushiya Kathirgamathasan - Field Officer Mr. S. Jekathas - Field Officer

### **Trincomalee**

Mr. S. Sathieshkumar - Regional Coordinator Ms. Praba V.S. Mailvahanam - Psychosocial Worker

Ms. Jananthan Jeyarani - Field Officer Ms. Meganathan Manjulanchali - Field Officer

# Vavuniya

Ms. Venthakumar Jeevasharmila - Psychosocial Worker Ms. C. Anparasi - Psychosocial Worker

Ms. Jeevarani Rajikumar - Field Officer

# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### FAMILY REHABILITATION CENTRE

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED		31.12.2012 Rs.	31.12.2011 Rs.
	Note		
Restricted Income	3	58,374,927.86	41,154,014.77
Project Related Expenses	4	(38,658,035,77)	(39,662,560.44)
Net Surplus on Projects		19,716,892.09	1,491,454.33
Revenue Earned from Other Activities	5	3,680,515.10	902,223.83
Administration and Establishment Expenses		(825,266.79)	(2,183,368.90)
		2,854,248.31	(1,281,145.07)
Net Surplus on Projects		22,571,140.40	210,309.26
Income Tax Expense	6	(514,698.22)	(460,045.00)
Net Surplus / (Deficit ) after Tax		22,056,442.18	(249,735.74)

The Notes on pages 6 to 17 form an integral part of the Financial Statements.

13th June 2013.



# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### FAMILY REHABILITATION CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT		31.12.2012 Rs.	31.12.2011 Rs.
	Note		
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	5,319,635.03	3,651,228.02
		5,319,635.03	3,651,228.02
Current Assets			
Advances and Propayments	8	849,662.09	201,318.04
Short Term Investments	9	2,650,000.00	4,150,000.00
Cash at Bank & in Hand	10	24,674,653.69	11,182,340.89
		28,174,315.78	15,533,658.93
Total Assets		33,493,950,81	19,184,886.95
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Accumulated Funds			
Restricted Funds	11	21,651,403.42	1,934,511.33
Unrestricted Funds	12	1,894,890.14	(444,659.95)
Donation Reserve	13	6,290,478.00	3,590,478.00
		29,836,771.56	5,080,329.38
Non-Current Liabilities			777000000000000000000000000000000000000
Retirement Benefit Obligation	14	1,831,947.00	2,732,730 00
		1,831,947.00	2,732,730.00
Current Liabilities			
Accrued & Other Liabilities	15	843,396.22	10,957,024.32
Provision for Taxation	16	901,944.18	414,803.25
Bank Overdraft	10	79,891.85	
*		1,825,232.25	11,371,827.57
Total Funds and Liabilities		33,493,950.81	19,184,886.95

The Notes on pages 6 to 17 form an integral part of the Financial Statements.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation & fair presentation of these Financial Statements.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Directors :

13th June 2013.

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