

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee for Mannar District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through Community Approach Project (MANRECAP) held at 3.00 p.m. on 6th August 2004

Chaired by: Mr M.S. Jayasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconciliation

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| Present | Mr T. Kumaradasan | Addl. Secretary (Development) M/RRR |
| | Mr Harim Peiris | Director General, M/RRR |
| | Dr A.S. Kunasingham | Senior Advisor, M/RRR |
| | Mr S. Sivananthan | Senior Advisor, M/RRR |
| | Mr M.L.S. Ahamed | Senior Asst. Secretary, M/RRR |
| | Mr T. Sugihara | Resident Representative, JICA |
| | Mr H. Onishi | First Secretary, Embassy of Japan |
| | Mr S. Rangarajah | Chief Secretary, NEPC |
| | Mr V. Visuvanathan | District Secretary, Mannar |
| | Mr P. Sumanapala | Director, Dept. of National Planning |
| | Mr M.F.A. Mubarak | Asst. Director, Dept. of National Planning |
| | Mr Sunil B. Thapa | Head of Field Office, UN Focal Point, Mannar Dist. |
| | Mr Rolland Schilling | Senior Program Officer, UNHCR |
| | Mr Shirantha Perera | Deputy Executive Director, CHA |
| | Mr M. S. Jayasinghe | Secretary, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconciliation |
| | Ms Mochiyo Moriyama | Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA |
| | Ms Isa Imazato | Long-term Expert, MANRECAP/JICA |
| | Mr A.A. Edward | Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA |
| | Mr Nishimaru | Project Coordinator for North-East |
| | Mr Rynuchi Murata | Expert/JICA |

The Chairman welcomed the members present and requested for self-introduction. The Chairman stated that this project commenced three months ago and that the progress made so far seems to be satisfactory. JICA is helping the Sri Lankan Government in a big way and in the future too assistance can be expected. The MANRECAP project is a community based project where the local communities themselves would get involved in the activities of the project. Through this process, about 1000 families have been selected.

Mr Harim Peiris, Director General thanked the Government of Japan in bringing forth a project of this nature. The Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconciliation, JICA, and the Government of Japan will all work together on this humanitarian activities. He further said that the Triple R Ministry could coordinate the work through the NEPC and the Government Agents. The Ministry is also very keen to expand this project to other affected areas as well. Performance of this project for the last three months is commendable. The policy of the Ministry is that accelerated implementation of the programs of relief, rehabilitation and reconciliation should be undertaken as the several donor agencies are keen to provide further assistance for rehabilitation and other essential components for the peace process. In terms of this,

targeting and impact on poverty alleviation is a must. The needs of the North-East are unique and special. He once again thanked the JICA, the Government of Japan and H.E. the Ambassador of Japan for their effort to bring peace in this country.

Commencement of MANRECAP

Mr T. Sugihara, Resident Representative of JICA stated that JICA is extending its fund disbursement to MANRECAP project as well in order to develop the economic and infrastructure facilities for the affected community so that the community of the area would enable to act independently and improve their quality of life. This new project was formulated as a result of a series of discussions held between the government of Sri Lanka and JICA. Another important aspect of this project is that the communities themselves would be involved in the implementation process. In regard to the project activities, the project officials have visited each of the community area, shared views and ideas put forward by the community. A project of such nature in an area like Mannar that had been neglected over the past two decades will be a boon.

Response from the District Secretary/Government Agent, Mannar

The Govt. Agent, Mannar while appreciating the activities of MANRECAP project which had shown signs of benefits to the affected community at large in the Mannar district, he pointed out that there are still some more worst affected villages which need to be included in this kind of program. He requested that provision be made at least from next year, so as to include such villages as well. For instance, the Maritzi village consisting of 16 GS divisions, only 3 GS divisions have been included in this project. In addition, there are a number of families who had come from Puttalam and other areas which too have to be included. Preliminary arrangements have to be made to settle these families. He suggested that review meetings be held six monthly instead of annually so that any shortcomings could be rectified. He also said that health activities and educational activities be also included in this program. Also paddy cultivation, highland crop cultivation, fishing and cattle breeding too be included.

Confirmation of the Project overviews and Annual Plan

It was observed that the Project has a good impact on the lives of the people of Mannar. It was suggested that a representative from the Ministry/RRR should also attend the monthly meeting held at the local level. It was observed that the administrative cost is very high and may have to be reduced.

Structure of MANRECAP Project

A multi media Power Point presentation was made by Mr. A. A. Edward, Project Coordinator, giving the outline of the project. He said that the primary objective of the project is to empower people to engage in a sustainable rehabilitation and reconstruction projects on their own initiative. This project will help to build up the capacity of the Community Based Organization and provide assistance to the communities to carry out rehabilitation and reconstruction activities on their own even after the end of the project period. While presentation, it was also mentioned that a National Joint Coordinating Committee (J.C.C.) will be established and this Committee will consist the following.

Sri Lankan side

1. Secretary, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconciliation (Chairman)
 2. Director General, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconciliation
 3. Senior Advisor, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconciliation
 4. Chief Secretary, North East Provincial Council
 5. District Secretary, Mannar
 6. Director, Department of External Resources
 7. Representative from Department of National Planning
- Japanese side
8. Chief Advisor, MANRECAP
 9. Long-term Expert
 10. Resident Representative of JICA Sri Lanka Office
 11. other personnel concerned be assigned by JICA

JCC members proposed that this committee will meet in every 6 months of the year instead of annually.

At the District level, it was mentioned that a Project Implementation Committee (P.I.C.) will be established with the Government Agent Mannar as Chairman and the following will be the members.

Sri Lankan side

1. Government Agent, Mannar (Chairman)
2. Representative from Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconciliation
3. Representative from North East Provincial Council
4. Divisional Secretary/Assistant Government Agent from the project sites
5. Representative from D.R.R.S. Mannar

Any other Matters

Mr Sivananthan, Senior Advisor stated that this is a good project where a number of community development proposals have been included. With the assistance of the Ministry/RRR rehabilitation of the affected people can be brought in through this project.

Secretary, RRR suggested that a website should be launched for this project in order to give wide publicity of the project.

The meeting concluded at 4.35 p.m.


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 Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconciliation

exemption, operation and maintenance cost for the project and other commitments is confirmed.

Annual Plan of the Project

Mr. T. Saisho stated that the Annual Plan of the Project has been prepared for the period April 2004 to March 2005.

The representative of the UNHCR Mr. Sunil Bahadur Thapa said that the UNHCR has done substantial relief work in most of the villages in Manthai West A.G.A's division. The village of Devampiddy has made a request to include their village under MANRECAP project. The immediate need and requirement of Devampiddy village is drinking water. This basic need is already taken up by UNHCR to implement a water supply scheme through the Water Supply and Drainage Board.

6. Representative from AD Fisheries and Aquatic Resource
7. Assistant Comm. of Agrarian Department
8. Representatives from village, division, district level committees and CBDO
9. Representatives from Mannar District NGO Consortium
10. Other personnel concerned be assigned by MANRECAP Japanese side
11. Chief Advisor, MANRECAP
12. Experts
13. Other personnel

This committee will meet monthly to review the progress.

Project Design Matrix and Plan of Operation (P.O.)

Mr. T. Saisho, the Chief Advisor, MANRECAP while explaining the PDM said that the logically designed and that it defines the initial understanding of the framework and indicates the logical steps for the achievements of the project purpose. He also said that the activities and indicators of PDM are to be flexibly revised with the approval of the JCC depending on the result of Community Action Plan (CAP) Workshops. The Narrative Summary with indicators and the overall goal and outputs with plan of operation from the year 2004 to 2008 was presented.

The initial agreement, though signed with the Secretary, Ministry Assisting Vanni Rehabilitation, at the moment, the Secretary, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction will bear all responsibilities for administration and implementation of the project with the Mannar Government Agent to bear all responsibilities for the managerial matter of the project.

1. Hence, it becomes as a requirement that the Agreement with Ministry of Assisting Vanni Rehabilitation hereafter will refer Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction.
2. The revised PDM will be submitted to the next Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) for approval.
3. The Plan of Operation approved by the PIC is confirmed accordingly.
4. Structure of the project implementation will continue as decided.
5. Provision of machinery and equipment is confirmed.
6. Tax exemption for the Machinery/Equipment will be prepared by the Ministry accordingly to the agreement.
7. The budgetary provision for implementation of the MANRECAP 2005 with the tax

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee for Mannar District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through Community Approach Project (MANRECAP) held at 3.00 p.m. on 19th November 2004

Chaired by: Mr. M.S. Jayasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconciliation

Present: Mr. T. Kumarathasan, Addl. Secretary (Development) M/RRR
 Mr. S. Sivaramanathan, Senior Advisor, M/RRR
 Dr. A.S. Kunasingham, Senior Advisor, M/RRR
 Mr. M.I.S. Ahamed, Senior Asst. Secretary, M/RRR
 Mr. H. Kobayashi, Asst. Representative, JICA
 Mr. Rynichi Murata, Expert/JICA
 Mr. V. Visuvalingam, District Secretary, Mannar
 Ms. A.N. Hettiaratchi, Research Assistant, Japan Division, ERD
 Mr. P. Sumanapala, Director, Dept. of National Planning
 Ms. Amad Vanchert, Representative from UNHCR
 Mr. Takuya Saisho, Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA
 Mr. A. A. Edward, Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
 Mr. Y. Sano, JICA Expert

The Chairman welcomed the members present and informed that this is an emergency meeting being held to approve certain important works to be carried out in view of the heavy rain experienced in the Mannar area during the last few weeks. He requested Mr. T. Saisho, Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA to explain the situation.

Mr. T. Saisho, Chief Advisor of the MANRECAP/JICA organization stated that due to recent heavy rains the Pali Aru diversion weir has got collapsed and normal flow of water through the inlet channel to Adampankulam has been disturbed and thereby 160 hectares of paddy fields will be damaged under Adampankulam irrigation system. The augmentation of the Karayankunadikulam irrigation system identified by the community for rehabilitation under MANRECAP Project cannot be taken up unless the damaged weir is reconstructed. This was taken up at the P.I.C. meeting held on 26-10-2004 at the district level, chaired by the Government Agent, Mannar. The Committee unanimously made a request to MANRECAP to take necessary action to repair the weir.

He further said that at the initial project proposal, provision was made to provide only open dug wells for drinking water and highland irrigation. But digging of open dug wells cannot be undertaken in the 09 focal villages selected to implement the MANRECAP Projects as the surface water is saline. A deep study to explore the possibility of utilizing the ground water source was carried out by the Water Resources Board, Colombo and a preliminary feasibility report was submitted by the WRB. Based on this report the MANRECAP Organization made an alternative design to construct 15 number bore holes in 08 villages with

10 tube wells in the uncleared area of Mannar D.S. Division as revised proposed plan, instead of open dug wells. The proposal was also unanimously agreed by the P.I.C. members at the District level meeting chaired by the Government Agent, Mannar.

Cost Estimate

Surveying & designing of Pali Aru - Rs. 1.90 million.
 Construction of 15 Nos. tube wells @ Rs.530,000/- per well = Rs. 7.95 million

- (1) MANRECAP will conduct the survey and designing work of Pali Aru Anicut.
- (2) Instead of open dug wells, MANRECAP will rehabilitate/construct tube wells.

Hence, the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) reached a consensus on the above two measures as this is a requirement in urgent solution.

Accordingly, the PDM will also be revised as follows:

- (1) Make plans of construction work for rehabilitation of basic infrastructure by CBOO with community contract method based on CAPs.

Amended/Revised as follows:

Make Plan of construction work for rehabilitation of basic infrastructure, basically by CBOO with community contract method, based on CAPs or Appropriate Agencies

- (2) Implement the construction works with community contract method.

Amended/Revised as follows:

Implement the construction works, basically with community contract method or Professional Method.

After discussion, the above two proposals - construction of Pali Aru weir and the construction of 15 nos. tube wells, including the amendments to the PDM was unanimously approved by the members of the J.C.C., chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconciliation.

The meeting concluded at 4.00 p.m.


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 Secretary,

Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconciliation

Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee for Mannar District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through Community Approach Project (MARECAP) held at on 28th February, 2005 at 3.p.m

Chaired by : Mr. M.S. Jayasinghe

Secretary, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconciliation

Mr. S. Sivananthan	Senior Advisor M/RRR
Mr. Upali Dahamayake	D.G. - Dept. of National Planning
Mr. M I S. Ahmed	SAS - M/Rehab of T'malee Dis
Mr. Takumi Ueshima	Res. Rep. - JICA
Mr. H Kobayashi	Asst. Rep. - JICA
Mr. Ryuichi Murata	Expert - JICA
Mr. V Vishvalingam	GA Mannar
Mr. A.N. Hetiarahchchi	Research Asst. Japan Div. ERD
Ms. Amaz Sanchez	Asst. Prog. Officer - UNHCR
Mr. Amali de Soysa	Programme Officer - CHA
Mr. Takuya Saisho	Chief Advisor - MANREC/AP/JICA
Ms. Isa Imazato	Long Term Expert
Mr. A. A. Edward	Project Co-ordinator - MARECAP/JICA
Mr. Y. Sanao	Director - MYC
Mr. Ken Shimizu	Expert - JICA
Mr. Devinda Karunanayake	Project Officer - MANREC/AP

Opening Remarks by the Chairman :

The Secretary Ministry of Triple "R" and Chairman of the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) extended a warm welcome to the participants with self introduction of all present to get to know each other to share their views. He expressed his sincere thanks for the Japanese Government for the encouragement and all the assistance given towards the livelihood development and community development in order to improve and develop a sustainable life to the local community in the project area through JICA. He also mentioned that during his recent visit to Japan he was able to see and learn the massive development and the generous contribution to the world community by the people of Japan through JICA and JBIC Organizations.

Review of Project Activities in Fiscal Year 2004 :

A detailed presentation on the review of project activities in the fiscal year 2004 was explained by Ms. Isa IMAZATO Expert / Social Development and Gender of the MANREC/AP/JICA project. While continuing she said that the project Design Structure of MANREC/AP/JICA project purpose is to develop the people in the project sites for a sustainable livelihood improvement and community development. She also outlined the 04 outputs and the number of activities that have to be performed to achieve the project purpose.

The progress achieved up to the end of February 28th 2005 from June 2004 was briefly explained through a multi media projector on the screen to the participants including the Community Action Plan, Community Managed Rehabilitation, Socio Economic Activities and Capacity Building. The activities related to the output such as Women's Bank, group formation and the study tour organized to the communities and Government Officials.

Plan of Project Activities for Fiscal Year 2005 :

Mr. T. Saisho the Chief Advisor of the MANREC/AP/JICA project gave the overall view on 2004 performance of the project. Presented the plan of action for the fiscal year 2005/06 (April 2005 to March 2006) said that whatever the projects that are taken up for the fiscal year 2004 and not completed will be added in the fiscal year 2005/06. The constructions of diversion weir (Anicut) at Palliaru and the construction of 15 number of tube wells and the basic training for MANREC/AP project staff will be added accordingly. He also expressed the positive and negative result impact on the projects implemented up to now. The positive side has given a deep understanding of the approach and fullest cooperation from all stake holders. This understanding and cooperation has led for an accomplished works by CBOO and the construction of deep tube wells with the fullest cooperation of both LJTE and the Security Personnel. In the alternative the planned activities could not be completed due to late commencement of the project, the inclement weather prevailed for 02 months, Tsunami disaster, high cost of construction materials and shortage of skilled and semi skilled work force in the vicinity of the focal villages.

The work plan for the fiscal year 2005 and the tentative plan of operation was given through the multi media projector on the screen with the comparative development activities took place between June 2004 to January 2005.

Response from District Secretary / G.A. Mannar :

GA Mannar stated that there has been an improvement in the number of Children attending school, lifestyle of the people, and in saving habits. Sports and cultural activities too had been conducted. The micro credit assistance, home gardening, mat weaving, cattle bearing have begun. Planned activities could not be completed due to delay in the commencement of the project, high cost of construction materials and due to flood and Tsunami. The roads in this area are in very poor condition and CAARP has been requested to look into this matter.

The CAARP project in Mannar District has already commenced their activities for the improvement and repair of main link roads in Mannar District. He further said that there is a tendency among the displaced Muslim community to return for resettlement in Musali D.S.

Division and he requested to take an account of Muslims too in the project though, the provision was not made at the initial stage.

Mr. Ken Shimizu the Expert JICA while replying said that at the initial investigation stages in the year 2002 for the preparation of the project report by JICA Experts there were no Muslim population in the Musali D.S. division to include Muslim villages within the MANRECAP project. He said the agreement of two Governments of this project does not cover the requested areas and this proposal does not fall within the Mandate.

Mr. A.C.M. Razik, Addl. Secretary to the Ministry of Vanni Rehabilitation and Development while commenting said that his Ministry is taking action to resettle 1000 families in Musali D.S. division in due course and he requested the representatives from JICA to make some provision to consider at least 10 villages for community development.

Mr. Takumi Ueshima Resident Representative of JICA in Colombo while replying said that the MANRECAP project is one of the pilot project through community approach is launched in Mannar District after a detail study of the problems faced by the poorest of the poor in the war affected area. He further said that he cannot give any assurance but if there are opportunities for additional project, the JICA might consider. However, he said that is all depend on the success of the MANRECAP project.

Consensus and Approval :

The Project Coordinator Mr. A. A. Edward submitted the following for consensus and approval of the JCC.

- 1). 2005 (Japan fiscal year plan)
- 2). Establishment of 02 plant nurseries at Sewa and Ganeshapuram villages.
- 3). Request to utilize the counterpart funds of Rs. 8,272,000 million.
 - a). For construction of Public Toilets for community.
 - b). Furniture for Pre-school and community halls.

At this juncture Mr. Sivananthan, Senior Advisor of the Ministry of Triple "R" said that though this amount is voted in the printed estimates for the year 2005. This matter has to be taken up with the Chief Accountant of Ministry of Triple "R" for further details and clarifications to find weather this fund could be utilized for capital expenditure.

The proposal 1 and 2 have been approved by the committee and proposal on 3 (a) & (b) to be implemented after the clarification.

Mr. Ken Shimizu, Expert JICA proposed to conduct a seminar on " Community Approach Rehabilitation in Mannar" either on the 12th or 19th of March 2005 in a convenient venue at Trincomalee. He said that the main purpose of this seminar is to share the experiences and knowledge of the project in Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through community approach in conflict affected areas which are implemented for the last 10 months in Mannar District. The house adopted the proposal and requested Mr. Ken to choose within this 02 dates which ever convenient for the majority of the participants.

Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson :

Chairman thanked JICA representatives and members of MANRECAP project for the good work done so far through this project and requested them to continue with their assistance so that the affected community in these areas will be able to get back to their places of origin and would help immensely to make their lives enhanced. He further sated that allocation of more funds towards these programme is highly appreciated.



M.S. Jayasinghe
 Secretary
 Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconciliation
 And Chairam JCCM – MANRECAP/JICA

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee - Mannar District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through Community Approach Project (MANRECAP) held at 3.00 p.m. on 22nd December 2005

Chaired by: Mr. M.S. Jayasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Nation Building and Development

Present:

Mr. S. Sivananthan	Senior Advisor, M/NBD
Dr. A. S. Kumasingham	Senior Advisor, M/NBD
Mr. S. Sivathasan	Senior Advisor, M/NBD
Mr. Takumi Ueshima	Resident Representative, JICA
Mr. H. Kobayashi	Asst. Representative, JICA
Mr. M.P.D.U.K. Mapa Pathirana	Director, Japan Division, External Resources Department
Mr. Takuya Saitoh	Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA
Ms. Mayumi Hachisuka	JICA Expert/ Social Dev. & Gender
Mr. Yoshitoko Watanabe	Project Coordinator, MANRECAP / JICA
Ms. Takazawa Masayuki	Expert, Monitoring & Evaluation
Mr. A.A. Edward	Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
Mr. C.R.J. Croos	Institutional Development Specialist, MANRECAP
Ms. A.N. Utharuchchi	RA/ External Resources Department

1. The Chairman welcomed the Representatives of JICA and other members present and said that several discussions were held regarding the progress made and it is observed that the project is doing well. We have achieved a lot of development activities where most of them fall in the five villages in the LTTE controlled areas. The people are happy. Similarly, JICA is now in the process of organizing another project called TRINCAP, an agricultural project in Trincomalee. He thanked JICA, the Ambassador for Japan and the Government of Japan for giving support to these projects.

2. Review of Progress

A Power Point presentation was made by Mr. Takuya Shisho, Chief Advisor of MANRECAP/JICA Project:

(1) Basic Concept

The basic concept consists of (a) Process Oriented Approach; and (b) Utilization of Sri Lanka's systems and experience.

(2) Project Design Structure

The overall goal of the Project is -
(a) to improve the socio-economic conditions of the people living in the cleared areas of Mannar;

(b) to strengthen the reconciliation process within the Project sites.

(3) Budget

The budget for the Project has been revised in November 2005 making a total of Japanese Yen 78 Mn (Rs.68 Mn)

(4) Financial Progress

It was pointed out that an average of 40 to 50% of the amount has been expended for the Project.

(5) Related Issues

The problems confronted in the implementation was explained as transporting heavy machinery to the site where it requires permission from the Ministry of Defence, which causes undue delay.

As regards land alienation, 1/2 an acre allotment has been alienated in Pallaru village and 1 Acre in other local villages of Sewa, Ganeshapuram, Kurai and Seethuvayagalkulam. The jungle clearing, adjustment of fence and roads according to the B.O.D. caused some delay and could not be completed as targeted.

(6) Participatory Development Approach

It was pointed out that the Community Based Organization (CBO) and the Government are performing well.

(7) Accessibility

The Mannai West area comes under LTTE control. However, study tours to other places are being made.

In order to get new ideas, the beneficial organizations were visited and collected information about income generation, resources and the new techniques.

(8) Rehabilitation

- It is hoped to complete all rehabilitation work in 2006.
- Those activities that were not completed in 2005 will be completed in 2006.
- Training of staff will take place in March/April, 2006.
- Since most of the resettled families have to move out from their temporary shelter, while adjusting the boundary fence according to the B.O.D., they have no way to re-construct their Temporary Shelter as MANRECAP does not have any budgetary provision for Temporary shelter. At this juncture, Dr. Kumasingam, Senior Advisor suggested to contact the U.N.H.C.R. for funding for this purpose.
- Mr. Edward, Project Coordinator informed that there is a requirement of funds to erect temporary sheds in place of old temporary sheds which would be dismantled due to the adjustment of the boundaries. He also said that a proposal have been submitted to erect 203 Temporary sheds at a cost of Rs.50,000 each to a total cost of Rs. 11.1 million.

- Mr. Mapa Pathirana, Director, E.R.D. (Japan Division) said that the funds are available under 2 KR and hoped to get the funds after consultation with the Japanese Embassy.

(9) Strengthening of Project Staff and Relevant Front-line Staff

- Proper monitoring system is being adopted;
- Strengthening of the project staff in their relevant fields is being made;
- Local staff is being trained;
- Micro-finance activities are being strengthened where the community would be able to raise loans from the collected funds and revolve it among the members.

(10) Concurrence and Approval

Mr Edward, Project Coordinator briefed about a two-year Diploma Course as a Participatory Development Approach being organized for educated youth in the area who have completed Ordinary Level and have five years experience. A discussion has already been held with the Vice Chancellor of the Jaffna University and the proposed course is to be held in the Vavuniya Campus. Prof. Nandakumar is working out the details regarding this course of study and it is hoped to start by February 2006. The first year will be theory and the 2nd year will be field study by attaching to a Project.

The Committee approved the following:

- (I) To conduct a Diploma course for Participatory Development Approach;
- (II) To bear the initial cost for this Diploma course in a sum of Rs.700,000/- from the funds of MANRECAP/JICA;
- (III) A Counterpart Study Tour to Japan to be undertaken by 4 nominated persons;
- (IV) Financial assistance to support individual housing construction in Ganeshapuram, Paliaru, Kurai and Seeduwinayakakulam areas - about 300 houses.

3. Concluding Remarks

Chairman thanked the JICA representatives and members present and said that it is gratifying to note that much progress has been made by MANRECAP. He also said that H.E. the President is very keen to pursue the peace process and also implement the Mahinda Chinthana in order to solve the North East problems. It is proposed under this Chinthana to build 80,000 houses in the year 2006. At this juncture, the MANRECAP project also plays a vital role in this implementation program.


M.S. Jayasinghe
Secretary/Ministry of Nation Building & Development; and
Chairman/ JCCM - MANRECAP/JICA

3. Review of the Project Progress in 2005

It was revealed that the access roads 11.5 km in length could not be completed due to heavy expenditure and also due to problem faced in the movement of heavy machinery to the site. Some components of the work falling under Community Managed Rehabilitation (CMR) have been completed. For e.g. construction of teachers quarters. A proper monitoring system was adopted in regard to this work. As regards the construction of community buildings, the skills and ability found among the youths of the communities are being used by way of cement block making & masonry works etc. for the building purposes. The internal roads are to be constructed by the members of the community themselves with their own funds.

A Power point presentation was made giving details of the progress made. Some of the features are as follows:

The people in the local villages had a strong belief in the efficacy of the system of Community Management Rehabilitation (CMR) and they felt that if the work is small in size it could be carried out by them at low cost.

Due to the cooperation of Donor and other Government Agencies, the project was able to succeed in fulfilling the needs of the project and satisfy the people. The Project Team succeeded in obtaining permission from the LTTE for using water from the tube wells in the LTTE controlled area, for drinking purposes and also tax exemption for items transported for the Project.

The villagers have displayed enthusiasm in home gardening which was introduced by the Project. Due to this activity, the standard of living of a number of villagers who were living below the poverty line has improved.

The renovation work on diversion weir in Pali Aru was affected by the heavy rains and due to problems faced in transporting heavy machinery to the work site from outside district for which permission from the Defence Ministry was necessary.

Some of the factors that contributed for the success of the project are:

- (a) Land and housing;
- (b) Teachers quarters;
- (c) Drinking water supply;
- (d) Access roads;
- (e) Home gardening;
- (f) Self-employment activities;
- (g) Savings habits through small groups;
- (h) Agriculture development through model nursery farms;
- (i) Inland fishery development.

MANNAR DISTRICT REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION THROUGH COMMUNITY APPROACH PROJECT (MANRECAP)

Minutes of the Joint Coordination Committee held at 2.30 p.m. on 16-03-2006

Chaired by: Mr M.S. Jayasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Nation Building and Development

Present:

Dr A.S. Kumasingham	Senior Advisor, M/NB&D
Mr S. Sivathasan	Senior Advisor, M/NB&D
Mr T. Kumarathasan	Addl. Secretary (Dev), M/NB&D
Mr R. Tharmakulasingham	Addl. Secretary, M/NB&D
Mrs S.A.K. Ariyaratne	Chief Accountant, M/NB&D
Mr Takumi Ueshima	Resident Representative, JICA
Mr H. Kobayashi	Asst. Representative, JICA
Mr Y. Watanabe	Representative from the Embassy of Japan
Mr Shiro Akamatsu	Joint Evaluation Committee / JICA
Mr Yuki Honjo	Joint Evaluation Committee / JICA
Mr Tomoko Tamura	Joint Evaluation Committee / JICA
Mr M.P.D.U.K. Mapa Pathirana	Director, Japan Division, External Resources Dept.
Mr B. Sivaprasadam	Deputy Director (Planning), NEPC
Mr Takuya Saisho	Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA
Ms Mayumi Hachisuka	Long-term Expert, MANRECAP/JICA
Ms Takazawa Masayuki	Expert, Monitoring Evaluation, MANRECAP/JICA
Mr A.A. Edward	Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
Ms A.N. Hettiarachchi	RA/ External Resources Department
Mr Devinda Karunanyake	Project officer, MANRECAP/JICA
Ms Lakmali Ramyadarshani	Media Assistant (Media Unit) MNB&D

1. Welcome speech

The Chairman welcomed the Representatives of JICA and other members present and said that this meeting was part of the overall process of reviewing the progress of the project. The Japanese and the Ministry Evaluation Teams that visited Mannar presented their report. This was followed by introduction of the members present at the meeting.

2. Mid-Term Evaluation Mission

The Mid-Term Evaluation Team made a visit to the various villages coming under the MANRECAP Project. The objective of the visit of this Team was to review the progress made and rectify any short-comings, if any, that may have occurred.

The socio-economic activities of the people had increased significantly under the project. In particular, the enthusiasm and alertness of the women participants in the program is noteworthy. The active participation in Group Savings Scheme has gained popularity among the women folk and encouraged more and more members to enroll in the scheme. The group savings mobilized were lent among the members and recovered systematically.

Mr. Sivathasan, Senior Advisor stated that the project is located in the agricultural area and therefore development of agriculture, farming activities and housing construction are most important factors. All activities during the next two years will be concentrated on agricultural development and supply of water. It is expected that the income level of the villagers will improve considerably during the next two years.

Mr. Edward, Project Coordinator explained that the Sewa Village and Ganesapuram have 4 tube wells for drinking purposes. Negotiations are underway with the LTTE for use of this underground water for irrigation purposes. Besides agricultural activities, inland fishing, construction of temporary shelters and road construction and skills training are some of the other activities being undertaken under this program.


Sustaining the benefits of the Programme

As an attempt to sustain the experience gathered in the program among the officials, it was proposed to introduce a diploma course for government officers involved in the community development projects. This will be conducted in the Vavuniya Campus of the Jaffna University. Interested front line government officers will be enlisted in this training course as it would enable them to adopt community based approach for development in the future.

4. Concluding Remarks

Chairman thanked the JICA representatives and the other members present and said that it was gratifying to note that peace building could be achieved through such projects. He also appreciated the JICA's contribution towards achieving this target.

The minutes of the last meeting thereafter was signed and meeting concluded.


M.S. Jayasinghe
Secretary/Ministry of Nation Building & Development; and
Chairman / JCC - MANRECAP/JICA

Minutes of the Meeting of Joint Coordination Committee of Mannar District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through Community Approach Project (MANRECAP) held at 2.30 p.m. on 26th July 2006

Chaired by: Mr M.S. Jayasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Nation Building and Development
Present:

Dr A.S. Kunasingham	Senior Advisor, M/NB&D
Mr R. Tharmakulasingam	Addl. Secretary, Rehabilitation & District Development (Batticaloa / Trincomalee Divisions)
Mr V. Visuvalingam	District Secretary, Mannar
Mr M.I.S. Ahamed	Addl. Secretary, Rehabilitation & District Development (Batticaloa / Trincomalee Divisions)
Mr A.C.M. Kazeek	Secretary, Ministry of Resettlement
Mr.K. Navaratnam	Accountant, M/NB&D
Mr H. Onishi	Counselor, Embassy of Japan
Mr H. Sataka	Deputy Resident Representative, JICA
Ms Miki Inaoka	Asst. Resident Representative, JICA
Mr Takuya Saisho	Chief Advisor, MANRECAP
Mr Miyumi Hachisuka	Long Term Expert, MANRECAP/JICA
Mr Tomoko Harada	Coordinator
Mr A.A. Edward	Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
Mr K. Sivasubramaniam	Project Engineer
Mr C.R.J. Croos	Institutional Development Specialist
Mr A. Shivagumar	Project Accountant
Mr V. Vijithan	Agriculturist
Mr Devinda Karunanayake	Project Officer
Mr A.L.A. Najeefer	Development Assistant, M/NB&D
Mr U. Prabath Wijetillake	Assistant Director, Planning

1. Welcome speech

The Chairman welcomed the Officials of the Japanese Embassy, Representatives of JICA and the other Officials present.

He said that the Hon. Minister for Resettlement had previously requested the transfer of the subject of MANRECAP Project to the Ministry of Resettlement. Later, this has been amicably resolved with the ruling from the Ministry of Finance & Planning. As the Secretary, Ministry of Resettlement is attending this Co-ordinating Committee meeting he would be briefing the Hon. Minister the progress of this project.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting

As there was no corrections in the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2006, it was taken as confirmed.

3. Review of the Project Progress in the 1st and 2nd Quarter 2006

Mr Saisho, Chief Advisor stated that due to the critical situation prevailing in the Mannar area it was felt whether the project could be completed before the due date. But now, with the guidance of the Government Agent, Mannar and also taking into consideration of the fact that two years work has already been accomplished it is desirable to continue with the project. Therefore, as from this year the responsibility of the staff would be great.

He further stated that out of the budgeted amount of Rs. 94 million, Rs. 74 million has been spent. But only thing that work on the Diversion weir of Pali Aru and the Irrigation system of Karayankannaddi could not be completed and therefore requested the concurrence of JCC for the revised project implementation plan.

(a) Community Action Plan (CAP)

Mr Saisho stated that a Community Action Plan (CAP) has been formulated with a participatory method where the physical progress in this regard in all the 10 focus villages is 11%. At the same time small groups have been formed in 9 villages (excepting Thehthavadi) where the physical progress is 10%.

In view of the prevailing security situation, there is lack of operators for heavy machineries and there is delay in jungle clearing and transport of cement and other products. However, the Govt. Agent, Mannar has been very helpful in getting these cleared and things are now moving as planned. The contractor has agreed to recommence work in the first week of August.

(b) Support for Economic Activities

Mr Saisho stated that under the support for economic activities of poultry farming, nearly 700 chicks have been distributed among the families. The poultry farm is coming up very well. Further, coconut cultivation and cadju cultivation have also been started in 10 villages. In addition, nursery farm activities are in progress in 6 villages. Fresh water fish cultivation has also commenced and much progress is shown. Production of dried fish is also undertaken in most of the villages.

(c) Income Generation Activities

Under this program, the youths are trained in the production of low cost house building materials such as bricks, etc. The villagers are also trained to make door frames and window frames required for their own house building. The villagers are also trained in the production of palmyrah based products and supplied to the Palmyrah Development Board for marketing. It is planned to arrange an exhibition

at the district level to popularize these products and create awareness among the villagers.

(d) Support for Social Activities – Micro-finance

The villagers are encouraged to engage in micro-finance activities by adopting a savings scheme and the savings pooled into a central finance. These savings are utilized to give as loans to members. The scheme is gaining popular among the villagers. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the interest rate chargeable for the micro-finance. Secretary, NB&D stated that Mr Croos would explain the details.

(e) Support in Participatory Development Approach

Training of public officers under this scheme has been postponed till end of 2nd quarter.

Arrangements have been made to conduct a Diploma course in the Vavuniya Campus of the Jaffna University for the benefit of educated youths in this region. Prof. Nandakumar has been put in charge to look into this. The course will be conducted in the Tamil medium and in time to come arrangements will be made to conduct a Sinhala medium course in the Peradeniya Campus. The passed out students will be issued certificates by the Jaffna University.

(f) Counterpart Funds

Mr. Edward, Project Coordinator explained the plan of activities such as jungle clearing for resettlement, community water supply distribution system, income generation activities like production of chillie powder, rice flour, etc. are to be launched with counterpart funds and requested the allocation of funds for the purpose.

Chairman advised to start work early and that every effort would be made to obtain counterpart funds for this.

(g) Collaboration with other Organizations

Mr Edward, Project Coordinator stated that with the collaboration of Z.O.A. project, semi-permanent houses at a cost of Rs.50,000/- each, at Sewa Village has been planned and that 43 units have now been completed. A Community Water Supply system is also being organized under the project SIRUP at Santhipuram with the assistance of the National Water Supply & Drainage Board. Income generation activities such as poultry farm, cattle breeding are also being organized where ZOA is helping for supply of chicks and other requirements.

4. Plan of Project Activities

The project activities proposed for the 2nd Quarter have been specified in the hand outs distributed at the meeting to members. Mr Edward, Project Coordinator stated construction of teacher's quarters at Kurai has commenced where 25% progress has

Minutes of the Joint Coordination Committee Meeting of Mannar District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through Community Approach Project (MANRECAP) held at 2.30 p.m. on 9th March 2007

Chaired by: Mr. J.R.W. Dissanayake, Secretary, Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructures Development

Present:

Mr M.S. Jayasinghe
 Mr M.I.S. Ahmed
 Mr V. Visvalingam
 Mr J.J.C. Phelican
 Mr Takumi Ueshima
 Ms Miki Inoka
 Prof. R. Nanthakumaran
 Mr V. Mahendrarajah
 Mr Takuya Saisho
 Mr Y. Sano
 Mr Mayumi Hachisuka
 Mr Tomoko Harada
 Mr A. A. Edward
 Mr K. Sivasubramaniam
 Mr A. Shiyagumar
 Mr V. Vijithan
 Mr Nishimaru Shu
 Mr Devinda Karunayake

Senior Advisor, M/NB&EID
 Addl. Secretary, Projects Division, M/NB&EID
 District Secretary, Mannar
 Deputy Director, Planning, Northern Provincial Council
 Resident Representative, JICA
 Asst. Resident Representative, JICA
 Dean, Faculty of Business Studies, Vavuniya Campus
 Asst. Director, External Resources Department
 Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA
 Infrastructure Engineer, MANRECAP/JICA
 Long Term Expert, MANRECAP/JICA
 Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
 Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
 Project Engineer, MANRECAP/JICA
 Project Accountant, MANRECAP/JICA
 Agriculturist, MANRECAP/JICA
 Programme Coordinator, JICA Vavuniya
 Project Officer, MANRECAP/JICA

been made. The buildings are now at the DPC level and will be completed by end of September.

The contractors for the Pali Aru anicut work will commence work in early August. The Committee approved the commencement of work in Pali Aru Diversion Scheme.

The Government Agent, Mannar explained that work in the uncontrolled areas of 5 villages with beneficiaries of 500 families and work in the controlled areas of 5 villages with beneficiaries of 500 families are also in progress. The approach roads to these villages are also being done with Government funds.

5. Concluding Remarks

Chairman thanked the officials of the Embassy of Japan, Representatives of JICA and other officials present, for their support. He further said that the contribution of the Government of Japan through JICA towards various other projects in the country brings a lot of benefits for the country.

The minutes of the last meeting was thereafter signed and the meeting concluded.



M.S. Jayasinghe
 Secretary/Ministry of Nation Building & Development; and
 Chairman / JCCM - MANRECAP/JICA

1. Introduction and Welcome speech

Mr Ahmed, Addl. Secretary while introducing the Chairman, Mr J.R.W. Dissanayake, Secretary of the Ministry to the Members present stated that the Chairman counts more than 30 years in public service and has wide experience in rehabilitation and reconstruction work.

The Chairman welcomed the Officers present.

2. Confirmation of Minutes and Adoption of Agenda

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2006 were taken as confirmed and today's Agenda for the meeting was adopted.

3. Review of Progress of the Project

Mr T. Saisho, Chief Advisor, MANRECAP while briefing the progress of the project stated that the project is implemented in Manthal West, an uncleared area and in Mannar Division, the cleared area of Mannar District. Most of the work under the project progressed well. But work on the Pali Aru Diversion Scheme has to be suspended due to the security situation where machineries cannot be taken across to continue the work.

He further said that as regards the Implementation Plan of rehabilitation of Community Infrastructure, the work in Ganteshapuram is almost completed.

A sum of Rs. 4 Mn. has been allocated by the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development. The following programs of work have been undertaken:

	Program of Work	Total Estimate	Expenditure	Progress
01	Toilet for Community Hall at Theebhavadi-Maruthukulam	86,000.00	80,656.13	100%
02	Community Water Supply at Kural	104,880.75	104,032.23	100%
03	Extension of Water supply for Puthukkamam School	30,576.95	24,031.62	100%
04	Concrete slides for Pre-school	430,000.00	311,000.00	72%
05	Construction of HPP culverts at Seethuvayagarkulam Road	189,000.00	189,000.00	100%
06	Jungle clearing to facilitate resettlement in Manthai West	1,320,000.00	504,450.00	100%
07	Purchase of moulds for casting fence posts	50,000.00	50,000.00	100%
08	Construction of water tubs for Pre-schools	154,500.00	151,336.92	100%

Under the Community Base Organizations, agricultural activities such as home gardening, potted cultivation, poultry farming, fresh-water fish cultivation are also being undertaken in these 10 villages. In addition, compost making and agriculture skill training are also undertaken. Cashew nut cultivation is also undertaken. In the Santhipuram village poultry farming is in progress. The requirement of day old chicks is purchased from the poultry farms in Vavuniya and Karantha Golla farm at Kundasale.

Home gardening with drip irrigation have commenced in the Sewa village. Chilli cultivation has been undertaken in the Seethuvayagarkulam area where it is anticipated to produce dried chillies.

Vocational Training

Under the scheme of vocational training the villagers are given training in mat weaving, saree printing; and also training in the production of palmyrah based products. The palmyrah based products can be sold in the markets of Mannar and in Colombo.

Besides the economic activities, social activities are also undertaken. Under this program micro financing system is adopted in all 10 focal villages. Around 10 to 15 women groups have been formed and regular savings are encouraged among them. These savings are collated and utilized to give as small loans among the needy.

Conduct of Diploma Course for Public Officers

Prof. Nanthakumaran, Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies, Vavuniya Campus stated that on approval granted by the University Senate applications were called through paper advertisement for the Diploma Course. In all 117 applications were received and the applications are now being processed. Fifty applicants will be selected for the first batch of studies, which is a two year course of study. The

course of study is to commence in April 2007. He said the two year course fee for each student would be Rs.22,000/- and he look forward for financial assistance for this purpose.

Mr Takumi Ueshima, Resident Representative, JICA thus agreed to provide the necessary finance for the course of study for 50 students for the first two years.

Gama Neguma Program

It was disclosed that under the Gama Neguma program projects are to be launched in Mannar district where training is to be imparted for Program Assistants and Development Assistants.

Construction of permanent houses in these villages is to be undertaken under the North East Housing Reconstruction Program (NEHRP).

Construction of Pali Aru Diversion Weir

The Government Agent, Mannar explained the achievement derived so far in implementation of projects and successful participation of NGOs in this program. Due to security situation, transportation of cement and machineries to the worksite has been a problem and thereby all work, especially the construction of Pali Aru Diversion Weir has come to a standstill.

Mr Takumi Ueshima, Resident Representative, JICA stated that due to shortage of cement and machineries, it has become necessary to terminate the contract of the construction of Pali Aru Diversion Weir.

The following consensus was confirmed unanimously by the Joint Coordination Committee.

- Modification of contract for 2006
- New recruitment of staff
- Mutual termination of the Pali Aru Diversion Weir contract
- Suspension of Karayan Karmaddy Tank restoration work.

4. Concluding Remarks

Mr Jayasinghe, Senior Advisor thanked the officials of JICA and other officials present for their support. He further said that there are several factors which are beyond our control. However, the people must be happy to see the development of the area. If normally prevails there will be much more development in the area. The consensus granted by the Jafna University for subsidy in the conduct of Vocational training program is most welcome.

The minutes of the last meeting was thereafter signed and the meeting concluded.



J.R.W. Dissanayake
Secretary/Ministry of Nation Building & Development and
Chairman / JCCM - MANRECAP/JICA

Minutes of the Joint Coordination Committee Meeting of Mannar District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through Community Approach Project (MANRECAP) held at 2.30 p.m. on 26th June 2007

Chaired by: Mr M.S. Jayasinghe, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development

Present:

Mr M.I.S. Ahamed
 Mr S. Rangarajah
 Mr V. Visuvalingam
 Mr A. Nicholaspillai
 Mr Takumi Ueshima
 Ms Miki Inaoka
 Mr R. Umakanthan
 Mr K. Seki
 Mr H.A.A. Chaminda
 Mr Takuya Saisho
 Mr Y. Sano
 Mr Tomoko Harada
 Mr A.A. Edward
 Mr K. Sivasubramaniyam
 Mr C.R.J. Croos
 Mr Rasu Xavier
 Mr V. Vijthan
 Mr Devinda Karunayake
 Mr U. Prabath Warnakulasuriya
 Mr Akira Takata
 Mr K.S. Shanmugam
 Addl. Secretary, Projects Division, M/NB&EID
 Chief Secretary, Northern Provincial Council
 Former District Secretary, Mannar
 District Secretary, Mannar
 Resident Representative, JICA
 Asst. Resident Representative, JICA
 D.C.S. (Planning), Northern Provincial Council
 Program Manager (Actg) BAJ
 Asst. Secretary, Ministry of Defense
 Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA
 Infrastructure Engineer, MANRECAP/JICA
 Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
 Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
 Project Engineer, MANRECAP/JICA
 Institutional Development Specialist, MANRECAP/JICA
 Project Accountant, MANRECAP/JICA
 Agriculturist, MANRECAP/JICA
 Project Officer, MANRECAP/JICA
 Asst. Project Director, Ministry of NB&EID
 Managing Director, Japan Grain Company
 Project Secretary, Ministry of NB&EID

1. Welcome speech and Introduction

Mr Ahamed, Addl. Secretary while welcoming the Members present stated that Mr Kumarasiri, the Secretary was not present to chair the meeting as he has to be away on some urgent work. He then introduced Mr Nicholas Pillai, the new Government Agent of Mannar to the Members present. He thanked Mr Visuvalingam, on behalf of the Committee for his unstinted supported extended in the implementation of MANRECAP project.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2007 were taken up as confirmed and the Agenda for today's meeting was adopted.

3. Review of Progress of the Project

Mr T. Saisho, Chief Advisor, MANRECAP presented the Financial progress which indicates that out of a budget of Rs. 59,035,000, a sum of Rs. 10,689,000/- have been expended. As regards the basic community infrastructure rehabilitation, the building construction such as Teachers' Quarters, Multi-purpose Hall, Community Hall, Community Water Supply, there is not much progress shown because of the non-availability of cement and iron bars required

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for the construction. Approval is still awaited from the S.L. Army, Vanni Headquarters for the transportation of these building materials to the site.

Manual Filing Device

Work on the Paliaru anicut had to be suspended and instead small sandbags have been stacked for the temporary dam.

Attendance of Technical Staff

It has been observed that the Technical staff are reluctant to stay and work and as a result there is little progress.

Santhipuram Water Supply Scheme

The tendered amount for this work is very high and therefore this matter has now been taken up with the National Water Supply and Drainage Board. The Community Based Organization is to be registered with the National Water Supply and Drainage Board to undertake this work.

Counterpart Fund Estimates

Following are the Counterpart Funds determined for the Works:

- (1) Rehabilitation of Village Internal Road, Samayapuram - Rs. 1,480,000.00
- (2) Rehabilitation of Village Internal Road No.1, Ganesapuram - 967,354.15
- (3) Community Water Supply scheme for Ganesapuram - 1,900,000.00
- (4) Construction of Drug Store at Vellankulam - 597,000.00

Total: Rs. 4,944,354.15

Situation in Kurai & Seethuvinyagarkulam

It was reported that there is necessity for the construction of a Community Hall and Multi-purpose Hall for the benefit of the community. It was observed that the displaced people, mostly who had been living in India as refugees had come back and are living in temporary sheds due to poverty. Therefore, it is necessary to provide permanent houses for these people.

Socio-economic/Agriculture Activities

Mr Saisho further briefed the following activities undertaken by the Community Based Organization:

Activity	Location	Physical progress
Poultry farming	All 10 villages	89%
Home garden cultivation	9 villages	78%
Plotted cultivation	Santhipuram	In progress
Nursery farms for fruit trees and shaded trees	8 villages	75%
Vegetable seedlings production	6 Nursery farms	83%
Coconut cultivation	8 villages	In progress
Compost making	4 villages	In progress
Agriculture skills training program	All 10 villages	8%
Fresh water fish cultivation	Kurai	In progress

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Mr S. Rangarajah, Chief Secretary, Northern Provincial Council stated that though this project focused as a Rehabilitation project at the beginning, it has now turned to be a development project through the concept of team work. At the Provincial and Regional point of view this is a good experience.

4. Confirmation/Approval

The Committee approved the following:

- (1) Mr A. Nicolas Pillai, the Government Agent to coordinate the Project Activities;
- (2) Community Managed Rehabilitation (CMR) to be shifted to Alternative - 1 or 0 at end of July 2007;
- (3) Water supply for Santhipuram to be entrusted to National Water Supply & Drainage Board;
- (4) JICA's assistance to be obtained for the Vavuniya Campus scholarship scheme;
- (5) Counterpart Fund of Rs. 5 Million;
- (6) Procedure to be adopted in the handing over of the Rehabilitated/ Constructed Infrastructures

5. Concluding Remarks

Mr. Jayasinghe, Senior Advisor of the Ministry thanked JICA for implementing the MANRECAP project in Mannar. He further stated that this project was initiated after the signing of the Cease Fire Agreement and the project has brought in a lot of achievement both in social and in economic development. The people are benefited and they have learnt how to earn money; how to save money and how to spend money. He also thanked Mr Onishi, Counselor of the Japanese Embassy for his unstinted support. Finally, he thanked the Government of Japan for their contribution towards making this project a success. He thanked Mr Visuvalingam for the contribution made and support extended by him towards the implementation of MANRECAP project and stated that we look forward the same assistance and support from Mr Nicolas Pillai, the new Government Agent of Mannar.

The meeting terminated at 4.10 p.m.



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Senior Advisor/Ministry of Nation Building & Development
For Chairman / JCC - MANRECAP/JICA

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As regards the poultry farming it has progressed well and it had reached the stage of egg-laying. The eggs are mostly utilized for local consumption. The home garden cultivation also produces much result. Similarly the potted cultivation has also shown progress. Vegetables such as carrot, beetroot and other vegetables are also grown. Coconut cultivation is being undertaken on a subsidy scheme provided by the Coconut Development Board. Cadju planting has also been done. This is a three year program. Compost making has been introduced in 6 Nursery farms and these activities fall under the Gamaneguma program.

As regards income generation activities, he said that in Puthukkamam and Vaddupiththanmadhu villages there are good number of educated youths who are now involved in compost making and food processing activities such as milk, jam, tamarinds, etc. Further, there is a training program being conducted for saree painting where 12 people are involved in this training program. As regards Micro finance activities, the scheme is being carried out in all the 10 focal villages and much progress is shown.

Vavuniya Campus Course

It was reported that the number of applications received for the course of study at Vavuniya Campus was 105, out of which 62 are males and 43 females. The Resident Representative, JICA stated that JICA can bear the expenses for four students. Establishing a scholarship fund is also possible, he said. It was suggested that for purpose of JICA funding for the course of study it is necessary to appoint a committee to go into the details.

Chief Secretary, Northern Provincial Council stated that the model adopted in Kurunegala district can be followed as a basic concept. Since there is only 8 months more it is important to find the strategy of funding for the course of study.

Mr V. Visuvalingam, former District Secretary/Government Agent, Mannar thanked all those officers who were directly involved in the implementation of MANRECAP Project. He further said that this project which commenced on 1st June 2004 had brought in much progress and upliftment of the people of Mannar, especially through the Community based organization. The introduction of women's saving scheme also brought a lot of economic activities in the area. The people's contribution and participation in this project is highly commendable. This has resulted in every person in the area, somewhat deriving an income for their livelihood.

Mr A. Nicholas Pillai, the District Secretary/Government Agent of Mannar stated that the outgoing Government Agent has contributed a lot towards the implementation of MANRECAP despite several obstacles faced on account of security situation in the district.

Minutes of Joint Coordination Committee Meeting on the Terminal Evaluation of Mannar District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through Community Approach Project (MANRECAP) held at 10.00 a.m. on 23 October 2007

Chaired by: **Mr. W.K.K. Kumarasiri**, Secretary, Ministry of Nation Building & Estate Infrastructure Development

Present:

Mr. R. Tharmakulasingham	Additional Secretary, M/NB&EID
Mr. M.I.S. Ahmed	Additional Secretary, M/NB&EID
Ms. N. Jayawathany	Assistant Director (Planning) M/NB&EID
Mr. B. Sivaprasam	Deputy Director (Planning) Eastern Provincial Council
Mr. Yasuhiro Watanabe	Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan
Ms. Noriko Suzuki	Resident Representative, JICA
Ms. Miki Inaoka	Assistant Resident Representative, JICA
Dr. S.M. Panchi Banda	Senior Programme Officer, JICA
Mr. Tsuneo Oishi	Programme Coordinator (N&E Rehabilitation) JICA
Mr. Minoru Homma	Team Leader - Joint Terminal Evaluation Mission, JICA
Mr. Shiro Akamatsu	Member, Joint Terminal Evaluation Mission, JICA
Mr. Atsutoshi Hirabayashi	Member, Joint Terminal Evaluation Mission, JICA
Mr. Yoshiaki Kakizaki	Member, Joint Terminal Evaluation Mission, JICA
Mr. Kenji Kurihara	Member, Joint Terminal Evaluation Mission, JICA
Mr. V. Mahendrarajah	Deputy Director, Dept. of External Resources
Mr. Takuya Saisho	Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA
Mr. Y. Sano	Infrastructure Engineer, MANRECAP/JICA
Ms. Tomoka Harada	Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
Mr. A.A. Edward	Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
Mr. K. Sivasubramaniyam	Project Engineer, MANRECAP/JICA
Mr. C.R.J. Croos	Institutional Dev. Specialist, MANRECAP/JICA
Mr. Y.L.M. Faizal	Development Assistant, M/NB&EID
Mr. Devinda Karunanayake	Project Officer - MANRECAP/JICA

1. Welcome speech and Introduction

Secretary, Ministry of Nation Building & Estate Infrastructure Development welcomed those present and said that the Terminal Evaluation Team consisting of officers appointed by JICA and officers appointed by the Ministry conducted an assessment of the progress and achievements made as at end of September 2007. This special meeting has been convened to analyze the report of the Terminal Evaluation Team.

After the self introduction of participants, the secretary invited the Team Leader of the Evaluation Team to proceed with the findings of the Terminal Evaluation of the project.

At this juncture, the Team Leader requested the Chief Advisor MANRECAP project to outline the progress made during the year 2007. The Project Coordinator while presenting the activities stated the following:

1. General:

- ❖ Though, approval was granted by the Security Forces Commander, Vanni to transport 113 bags of cement for the construction works in the un-cleared

area, only 50 bags were transported and the balance could not be transported due to closure of exit / entry point at Uvilankulam from 01st September 2007.

- ❖ Diploma Course in Community Development and Management commenced in the Vavuniya Campus on 3rd August, 2007.
- ❖ Community water supply scheme at Santhipuram commenced using C.M.R. (Community contract system) in collaboration with the National Water Supply & Drainage Board.
- ❖ More than 500 families from the Southern part of Manthai West D.S. Division moved towards Northern part and took refuge in the MANRECAP focal villages.

2. Progress

A bar-chart explanation was given with annual schedule from April 2007 – February 2008 as follows:

- (a) CAP review and bench mark survey to be completed before December 2007
- (b) Socio-economic and agricultural activities to continue up to end of December 2007
- (c) Handing over of constructed structure to be completed by end of January 2008
- (d) Handing over of project equipments to be completed by end of February 2008

The financial progress up to 30th September 2007 is - 54%
The CAP progress up to 30th September 2007 is - 30%

3. Reasons for the delay in progress:

- (a) Restrictions on the transportation of construction materials to the un-cleared area.
- (b) Limited movements of vehicles and staff (limited to 03 days a week from August 2006.
- (c) Unpredictable and unstable situation prevailed in and out of the project area due to security deterioration.

The Project Coordinator continued stating that, in view of the above facts, the following schedule of works have to be suspended half way:

Works suspended half way -

- (1) Market facilities at Vellankulam
- (2) Construction of Teachers quarters at Kurai
- (3) Construction of culverts at Paliaru and Ganeshapuram
- (4) Construction of community water supply scheme at Ganeshapuram, Paliaru and Seethuvayyagarkulam.

Works completely stopped –

- (5) Paliaru diversion weir
- (6) Renovation of Karayanakamaddi Irrigation Scheme

- (7) Construction of Multi-purpose hall in Kurai
- (8) Construction of Community hall in Seethuvayagarkulam
- (9) Marketing facilities – Phase II – (CMR by Seva Village)

However, as an alternative, a temporary diversion weir is being constructed using jungle poles, sand bags and other locally available resources to divert the water to Adampankulam from Palairu to provide irrigation for the forthcoming Maha season for the focal village community. Further, the funds allocated for the multi-purpose hall at Kurai village and community hall at Seethuvayagarkulam village has been transferred to complete the community water supply scheme at Santhipuram with the concurrence of the NWS & DB in the cleared area.

4. Support for Economic Activities / Agriculture:

Even with all the constraints and limitations, the economic activities are continuing and it is hoped to implement up to end of January 2008. The MANRECAP project has focused attention on the following:

- (a) Poultry keeping – Provide one month old local variety chicks for all the 10 focal villagers.
- (b) Agriculture - Provide vegetable seeds, fruit plants and shaded tree seedlings raised in the model nursery farms established in the focal villages.
- (c) Inland fisheries development – Already 20,000 fingerlings provided and 15,000 fingerlings will be let in before January 2008.
- (d) Coconut cultivation – linked with subsidy scheme of the C.C.B.
- (e) Compost making – using local resources to reduce the use of inorganic fertilizer
- (f) Agriculture skill training – is an ongoing activity in the focal villages.
- (g) Training in saree painting and tailoring – More than 25 WRDS members are being trained.
- (h) Micro-finance activities – This is an on-going activity

5. Training and study tours:

- (a) Workshop held to prepare an Action Plan and estimates for O&M of constructed infrastructures with community and relevant organizations.
- (b) Went on a study tour with relevant Department Technical staff to Wariyapola in the Kurunegala District to study "The project supporting infrastructure maintenance to reduce rural poverty"
- (c) A training programme to be organized for the Government. Officers in Vavuniya campus along with the students following Diploma Course on Community Development & Management to explain the concept & activities of MANRECAP project.
- (d) The two year academic course in Community Development & Management in Vavuniya campus commenced with 49 participants on roll out of which, 12 Participants are from INGO; 13 are from NGO; 14 from Government

Departments; 8 students are the left over from university admission; and 2 are Bank employees.

Based on the presentation of the progress of MANRECAP project for Japanese fiscal year 2007-2008, Additional Secretary, Mr. M.I.S. Ahamed inquired as to whether they are satisfied with the CBO and LG and are there any disputes arising and conflict related issues in the Agreement/MOU to be signed today. In order to empower the community to manage and carry out their lives independently, community participation is indispensable.

The Institutional Specialist of MANRECAP in reply stated that during the massive movement of IDPs from the Southern part of Mannar West AGA's division to the Northern part of the division during heavy shelling, the CBO of the focal villages attended to all the initial needs of problems faced by the displaced families. They voluntarily helped the expectant mothers, children, sickly and the elderly to occupy the multi-purpose halls constructed in the focal villages and organized erecting of temporary shelters at suitable locations. The basic needs of drinking water too was arranged from tube wells and distributed to displaced families by two wheel tractor and bowers supplied by the MANRECAP project to the focal villages. The above activities were provided by the community on their own effort due to the MANRECAP mandate of strengthening the CBO by building their capacities and empowering them with a sense of ownership and self confidence. He further explained about the functioning of the 37 women saving groups organized and affiliated with Women's Bank in Colombo. The handling of revolving funds from their own collection and disbursement of cultivation and other loans and recoveries are also done on their own.

6. Presentation by the Terminal Evaluation Team

The Team Leader of the Terminal Evaluation Team, Mr Homma while presenting the Team's findings on the progress and impact of the project stated that the evaluation was based on the following five criteria.

(A) Relevance

- (1) The relevance of the project is high because the project has fulfilled the prioritized needs of the focal village community. Also the C.A.P. and the C.M.R. adopted in this project is appropriate because it empowers the people to tackle their issues.

- (2) The purpose of the Project is in consistent with the Sri Lanka Government's Development policy.

- (3) The Project is also in consistent with the foreign policy of the Japanese Government and cooperation.

(B) Effectiveness

- (1) The effectiveness is high as the purpose of the project has been achieved though there was notable deteriorating security situation and imposition of security restrictions which affected the implementation.
- (2) MANRECAP maintained a good relationship among the stakeholders, NGOs, Government Agencies, Security Forces and the LTTE for the smooth implementation of the project.

religion or any other social disparities. He also cited examples as to how all jointly came forward to rescue a husband of a group member by paying Rs. 25,000 from their savings to obtain bail from the courts. Another example he gave was by getting Rs. 400,000 as loan from the Women's Bank in Colombo to revolve as cultivation loans to the community due to security problem and stoppage of all Bank cultivation loans in Mannar District. Likewise, through C.A.P. and C.M.R. the effectiveness and efficiency has been accomplished.

Secretary, Ministry of NB&EID inquired as to the arrangements pertaining to handing over procedure to the relevant Government Departments & Institutions. While answering the above the Institutional Development Specialist, MANRECAP said that arrangements have been made to handover to the community through a Tri-Party agreement. The M.O.U. will be signed between the relevant CBO, the Govt. Department and MANRECAP where all auditing of funds & technical support related to the maintenance & operation will be provided by the respective Divisional Secretary or the R/ACLG, depending on the institution or department who signs the Tri-Party agreement. The community will be responsible to handle the activities with a minimum Budget.

The Resident Representative of JICA Sri Lanka while addressing the forum stated that she is highly impressed with the performance of the MANRECAP project and the Terminal Evaluation reports on the impact of effectiveness and sustainability. She specially thanked the Japanese and local staff for their dedication and devotion towards the success of this project. She also requested all those involved to contribute towards the sustainability and the achievement.

Mr. Ahamed in conclusion thanked all officers and he went down the memory lane and recalled the period he served under the stewardship of Mr. Bradman Weerakoon from the then 'Triple R' Ministry and Dr. A S Kumasingham, M/s. Sivananthan, Sivathasan who worked with great enthusiasm in this Ministry. He also thanked the people of the Vanni District who worked tirelessly under difficult conditions and suggested that a monument be erected in their memory in the JICA Project location. Also the conflict affected population in the project areas of the country as this is a pilot project particularly during high intensity period to prove their infrastructure if trained to support them.

Secretary, MNB&EID extended his thanks to all participants and said that the Japanese government is very kind enough to help Sri Lankan government to learn and implement many development activities. Unfortunately due to the prevailing security situation we are unable to implement many activities offered by them. However, we will come back to the Government of Japan for further assistance when ever the situation becomes conducive.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 a.m.


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(C) Efficiency

- (1) The efficiency of the Project is moderate in that the project has mostly achieved the outputs.
- (2) The input in terms of the budget, the contribution of the experts, equipment and training is appropriate.
- (3) The Government Agent's performance is remarkable.
- (4) The functions of the Joint Coordination Committee are commendable as all issues including security matters were handled methodically.
- (5) The security situation prevailed after August 2006 has led to the abandoning of certain planned constructions and activities.

(D) Impact

- (1) The Team Leader commenting on the impact said that many positive changes were observed among the community. The livelihood activities are also very positive in the focal villages.
- (2) The positive attitude of the community was very much noticeable. The ability to negotiate, communication skills and the capability has also been enhanced.

(E) Sustainability

- (1) The sustainability cannot be evaluated at present due to the unpredictable security situation. However, the capacity and ability of CBO in the focal villages have been built to carry on with their socio-economic activities by themselves.
- (2) The rehabilitated and constructed infrastructures are well maintained and used by the CBO.
- (3) The Government Officers have gained fair knowledge in the participatory approach which would sustain the activities.
- (4) The capacity of the local officers has to be strengthened.

In conclusion Mr Homma said that the Evaluation Team observes that the project purpose is almost achieved. He also mentioned that the major outputs have been achieved as almost all prioritized infrastructures of the community were rehabilitated. Further, the application of C.A.P & C.M.R. has empowered the focal village communities.

Addl. Secretary Mr. Tharmakulasingham while commenting on the performance of the MANRECAP project inquired whether the focal village community has attained the necessary knowledge and experience to maintain sustainability.

The Institutional Specialist of MANRECAP answering the above explained the establishment of Women's Savings Group which meets weekly to understand each other and share their experiences. Due to this process the unity of understanding and group activities on development of ownership is established among all irrespective of their places of origin.

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Minutes of the Final Meeting of Joint Coordination Committee of Mannar District Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through Community Approach Project (MANRECAP) held at the Ministry at 2.30 p.m. on 15th February 2008

Chaired by: Mr. M.S. Jayasinghe, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Nation Building & Estate Infrastructure Development

Present:

Mr. R. Tharmakulasingham, Additional Secretary, MIN&EID
 Mr. M.I.S. Ahmed, Additional Secretary, MIN&EID
 Ms. N. Jayawathani, Assistant Director (Planning) MIN&EID
 Mr. R. Umakanthan, Deputy Chief Secretary (Planning), Northern Provincial Council
 Mr. V. Visuvalingam, Deputy Director, NEIAP Reawakening Project, Jaffna and former Govt. Agent, Mannar
 Mr. Y. Watanabe, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan
 Mr. N. Suzuki, Resident Representative, JICA
 Ms. Miki Inaoka, Assistant Resident Representative, JICA
 Mr. Tsuneo Otsu, Programme Coordinator (N&E Rehabilitation) JICA
 Mr. V. Mahendrarajah, Deputy Director, Dept. of External Resources
 Mr. Takuya Saito, Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA
 Mr. Y. Sano, Infrastructure Engineer, MANRECAP/JICA
 Ms. Tomoka Harada, Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
 Mr. A. A. Edward, Project Coordinator, MANRECAP/JICA
 Mr. K. Sivasubramanyam, Project Engineer, MANRECAP/JICA
 Mr. C.R.J. Croos, Institutional Dev. Specialist, MANRECAP/JICA
 Mr. Rasu Xavier, Accountant, MANRECAP/JICA
 Mr. Devinda Karunanayake, Project Officer - MANRECAP/JICA
 Mr. M.A.J. Thuram, Asst. Commissioner of Local Government, Mannar
 Mr. C.M. Jesunesam, Secretary, Mannar Pradeshhiya Sabha
 Mr. S. Jennings, Secretary, Manthai West Pradeshhiya Sabha

I. Welcome speech and Introduction

Mr. Jayasinghe, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Nation Building & Estate Infrastructure Development welcomed those present and stated that he was glad to chair the Final JCC meeting of MANRECAP. He stated that he had the opportunity of inaugurating the MANRECAP Project in the year 2004 and now it has become necessary for him to preside over the Final meeting as well. He further said the Government of Japan has been kind enough to invest large sums of money to help the remote villagers and develop their areas for comfort living. In this respect, the MANRECAP Project has brought in a lot of benefits for the villagers of Mannar. It is a pity that this project could not be completed as planned because of the various security reasons prevailing in that area. In any event, the Government of Sri Lanka is much indebted to the Government of Japan for the whole-hearted support and broad-mindedness.

The Chairman invited the Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA to brief the Committee about the progress made so far in relation to this Project.

The Chief Advisor with the multi-media presentation expressed the general information of the project and the annual schedule of the project up to end of February 2008. He also explained the circumstances under which some of the amounts allocated for the fiscal year 2007/2008 had been expended.

MANRECAP/JICA Project:

Project Period: 4 years
 Budget Amount: Rs. 59 Mn
 Financial period: April 2007 – February 2008

The Project Engineer while presenting the progress of the activities during the year 2007 up to February 2008 stated that the Infrastructure items that could not be completed were

- (1) Market Facilities at Veilankulam, Ganeshapuram, and Pali Aru
- (2) Construction of Teachers Quarters at Kurai
- (3) Community Water Supply Scheme at Ganeshapuram, Pali Aru, and Seethuvinnayagarkulam;

And

The Infrastructure items that had to be dropped were -

- (1) Pali Aru Diversion Weir
- (2) Renovation of Karayankannaddi Irrigation Scheme
- (3) Construction of Multi-purpose Hall in Kurai
- (4) Construction of Community Hall at Seethuvinnayagar Kulam
- (5) Marketing facilities (Phase-II) at Sewa Village

Under the Community Action Plan drawn for implementation, the activities some of which are given below with their progress:

	Activities	Target	Progress
01	Poultry breeding	10 villages	100%
02	Home Garden cultivation	9 villages	90%
03	Potted cultivation	55 families	100%
04	Agriculture skill training	10 villages	100%
05	Coconut cultivation	--	100%
06	Compost making	--	100%
07	Training in Sari painting	4 villages	100%
08	Specialized training in tailoring and Finishing of painted products	--	100%
09	Micro-finance activities	10 villages	50%
10	Capacity building of CBOs Publication of Community Bulletin	10 villages	100%
11	Formation of small groups to accelerate socio-economic activities	5 villages	100%
12	Training of Public Officers	--	100%
13	Arranging a Diploma course on participatory development in the Vavuniya Campus of Jaffna University	Out of the 50 students, 40 sat for the 1 st Semester Exam	100%

The activities pertaining to Action Plan was presented by Mr C.R.J. Croos, the Institutional Specialist and the achievements to each activities were explained to the Committee including the Two years Diploma course on Community Development and Management conducted at the Vavuniya Campus.

2. Handing Over Procedure

- (1) Rehabilitation/constructed Infrastructures as decided at the P.I.C. held on 5th December 2007 to be handed over to the respective departments applying the current Organization & Method System followed by each department.
- (2) As regards the infrastructures already handed over to the Local Authorities such as Urban Councils or Pradeshiya Sabhas, the funds required to maintain them to be managed by the Community Centres or the A.C.L.G. The Government Agent and or the Divisional Secretaries to help in sustaining the Infrastructure.
- (3) As regards the vehicles, office equipment (photocopying machines, computers, etc.), machineries & equipment for agriculture, the Government Agent, Mannar will take over them under acknowledgement.

A list containing the items to be handed over by MANRECAP was circulated among the members present. It was decided that the 1st item on the list - 4 Wheel Drive Toyota Land Cruiser to be handed over to the Ministry of Nation Building as payment of VAT component is involved for the vehicle. All other items on the list to be handed over to the Government Agent, Mannar, except the ones indicated as taken over by the Ministry of Nation Building & Estate Infrastructure Development. Any items taken over to be properly listed with details of users of such items and records kept as inventorised items.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development, the JICA and the Government Agent, Mannar to be prepared for this purpose.

3. Appreciation

Mr Edward, Project Coordinator while appreciating the work done by MANRECAP/JICA thanked Mr Saisho and all the other staff of JICA, the Secretary, Ministry of Nation Building, the former Govt. Agent, Mannar, Mr Visuvalingam, the present Govt. Agent, Mannar, Mr Nicholaspillai, the Senior Advisor of Ministry Mr M.S. Jayasinghe, the Ministry Addl. Secretaries Mr Tharmakulasingham, Mr Ahamed and the other staff members of MANRECAP/JICA for their unstinted support extended in carrying out the Project work. He also thanked Mr S. Rangarajah, Chief Secretary of North-East Provincial Council in this regard.

Mr Ahamed, Addl. Secretary of the Ministry conveyed his appreciation for the support extended by all staff members and the Project staff in making the MANRECAP/JICA Project 90% completion of work successfully.

Mr Visuvalingam, former Government Agent, Mannar thanked the Government of Japan for introducing a project like this and implementing it in Mannar district which has benefited the people of Mannar in a long way. He further stated that we have learnt a lot from Japan through this Project. The people of Mannar are really benefited by this project and the issuance of Community Magazine has educated a lot to the people in Mannar. He also thanked Mr Jayasinghe for the full support extended in implementing this project.

Mr Saisho, Chief Advisor, MANRECAP/JICA thanked all those involved in the implementation of MANRECAP/JICA project and said that the tap water system introduced in Mannar as well as the vegetable market constructed has benefited the people of Mannar and also many of the IDPs from Adampan area.

Finally, Mr Jayasinghe while appreciating the good work done by the project staff, he, on behalf of the Secretary of the Ministry, thanked the JICA staff and the Government of Japan as well as the Japanese Embassy officials for their full support in implementing this project which has brought a lot of benefit for the people of Mannar. He said that he had the opportunity of visiting Japan where he learnt a lot of things. He thanked Mr Saisho, Mr Sano and other officials of the Japanese Embassy, the Chief Secretary Mr Rangarajah, Local Govt. Officials and officials of the Local Authorities for their support. On behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka he thanked the Government of Japan for the great enthusiasm and support extended for the benefit of the people of Sri Lanka and he therefore looked forward for their support in the future as well.

The meeting concluded at 4.15 p.m.



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