



# **Role of the FBOs In Humanitarian Response**



The ADT works towards uniting and empowering communities by reaching out to marginalized persons and underprivileged communities across Sri Lanka.

# Our projects were aimed at:

- ❑ Improving the living standards of children and their families by enhancing their knowledge, capacity, good practices and economic conditions;
- ❑ Increasing community participation and ownership;
- ❑ Empowering communities to comprehend and respond to their challenges at familial and communal levels;
- ❑ Establishing strong partnerships with government and other local bodies.

# The ADT's interventions



- Relief Assistance
- Development Education
- Children and Psychosocial Development
- Sustainable Livelihood
- Peace and Reconciliation
- Health
  - Leprosy
  - Sexual and Reproductive Health

# Relief Assistance

ADT has been active in relief assistance at crucial situations such as immediately after the armed conflict, Tsunami, floods , landslide and drought .

The affected communities were provided with relevant resources and guidance for rehabilitation and sustainability.

# AS A FAITH BASED ORGANIZATION OUR ROLE IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- ❑ Immediate response/assistance during emergency
- ❑ Identify and work towards common problems of the community
- ❑ Capacity to mobilize the community and resources
- ❑



# Previous Partners

- Local government authorities
- Donors/International Agencies
- Volunteers
- Local/Private partners



# Challenges

- ❑ Short-term partnerships and collaborations
- ❑ Limited Partnerships
- ❑ Misconception of local/private partnerships
- ❑ Lack of integration of FBOs in the national/local government disaster planning process



# Recommendations

- ❑ Increase dialogue among and within communities along with disaster preparedness trainings
- ❑ Establish and develop information sharing system to understand each other's expectations and objectives
- ❑ Shift sector – based cluster system to area- based flexible approach when coordinating disaster response

# Recommendations...Cont..

- ❑ Make the UN and country pooled funds more streamlined, available and accessible to FBOs
- ❑ Develop and implement a common, streamlined partnership framework across UN agencies
- ❑ Engage in pre-disaster technical collaborations to accompany faith groups

# Recommendations...Cont..

- ❑ Invite/integrate FBOs in to national dialogues and networks (pre-disaster and during responses).
- ❑ Develop community-level emergency communication plans

# Required resources for effective partnerships

- ❑ Long-term collaboration and partnerships to respond in real quick time during the emergency situations
- ❑ Pool of expertise
- ❑ Annual gathering of donors and implementing agencies with similar vision and objectives
- ❑ Trained facilitators as well as trained community members especially, CBOs and community leaders
- ❑ Forum for international and local FBOs



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