

Peace education in disaster and war settings.



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Overview

- Introduction
- Need for peace through Health – Sri Lanka
- Asia Pacific Academic consortium for Public Health (APACPH) - Initiatives
- Colombo University approach
- Local and international collaborations
- Conclusion and Recommendations



Population	20,926,315
Sinhala	74%
SL Tamil	12.7%
Indian Tamil	5.5%
Muslims	7.1%
Other	0.8%

Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka, 2005

Statistics

Life expectancy at birth	72 years
Infant mortality per 1000 live births	11.2
Smoking – Male	23%
Female	0.2%
Literacy rate	92%
Per capita GNP	\$ 1208

Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka

Positive community response for doctors/ Health messages

Ethnic Conflict since 1983.

No of deaths	68 000
Currently IDPs	> 150 000

Peace attempts ...

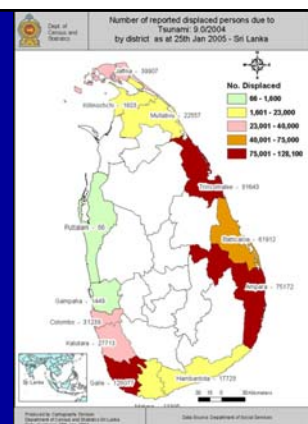
1. Peace talks in Thimphu - 1985
2. International – Indo-Sri Lanka Peace Accord 1987
3. Indian Peace Keeping Force 1987
4. Tentative ceasefire 1990
5. Ceasefire January 1995
6. Memorandum of Understanding 2002 - Norway mediation
7. Peace Talks and Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission. 2002
8. Peace talks 2006 February

Tsunami 2004

Deaths: > 35 000

Injured > 15000

Missing > 4000



Lessons learnt...

- Need for novel methods to establish sustainable peace
- Need for further training programme

Disaster Management

Peace through Health

Role of the university in achieving these goals

Social Accountability

Asia Pacific Academic consortium for Public Health (APACPH)

Local

University of Colombo

Eastern University of Sri Lanka

International

University of New South Wales, Australia

Keck School of Medicine, University Southern California

John A Burns School of Medicine, University Hawaii

Medical Education Development and Research Centre Faculty of Medicine, Colombo

Two modules for medical students

Disaster risk reduction and risk management

Peace through Health

Curriculum development

Out come based approach

Need assessment to develop outcomes

- Objectives
- Content
- Teaching/Learning methods
- Assessment

The capacity building of health care personnel

A stakeholder analysis was conducted to identify the competencies required.

FGD



Questionnaires



Objectives – Peace through health

- Promote sensitivity and respect to local cultures and their different approaches of health.
- Identify and address forms of discrimination related to health care providing with in the community
- Develop management skills related to rehabilitation and recovery
- Use health as a bridge for peace.
- Identify and address highly vulnerable groups in conflict situations.

Objectives – Peace through health contd.

- Communicate and interact with Internally Displaced Person
- Identify health principles, ethical and legal issues that are relevant to situation of conflict
- Identify the relationship between HR s, peace & security
- Identify the general frame work of Human Rights
- Develop leadership and coordination skills
- Identify different types of armed conflicts and social disruptions

Implementation.. Issues and Challenges

- Time table- overloaded
- Some specialties were not available in the local setting
- Response from Faculty staff
- Lack of awareness among key stake holders

Conclusion

- Sri Lanka needs novel methods to establish peace
- Good relationship with doctors
- Sri Lanka is an ideal place for Peace through Health programme.
- Practical issues at local setting
- Perceptions of key stake holders

Recommendations

- Other universities should be involved in peace programme
- Increase awareness among faculty staff
Publications
Workshops
- Convince other stake holders - Policy makers
- Need of the community should be considered when developing capacity building Programmes

Future activities.

Qualitative research workshop – August , Sri Lanka
39th APACPH annual conference – November , Japan.
Peace through Health – Pre conference workshop
Publication – Health as a bridge for peace.

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