

WORKING FOR POLICY IMPACT

TSUNAMI AS A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

FIRST WAVE OF REAL TSUNAMI

SECOND WAVE OF MAN MADE TSUNAMI

'Aid'

Cultural intrusion

Compulsory counselling

**Multiple Needs
assessments**

**WE LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE FOR THE NATION**

Disasters

Destruction

Death

Disease

Displacement

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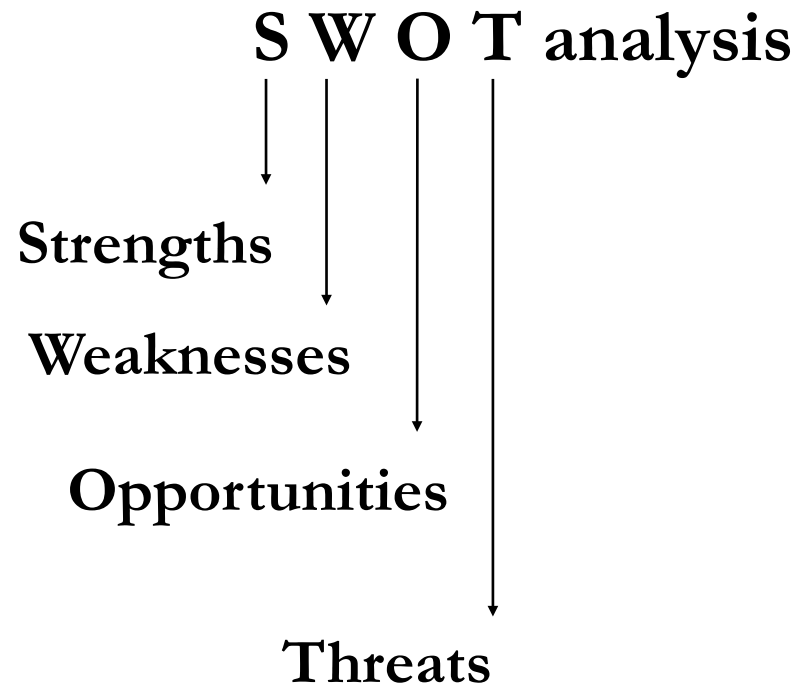
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Sumathipala et al Asian Bioethics Review 2010; 2-2: 224-242

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Southern Province



Learning from people – resilience

People were coping, we only had to support them

30th December in the South

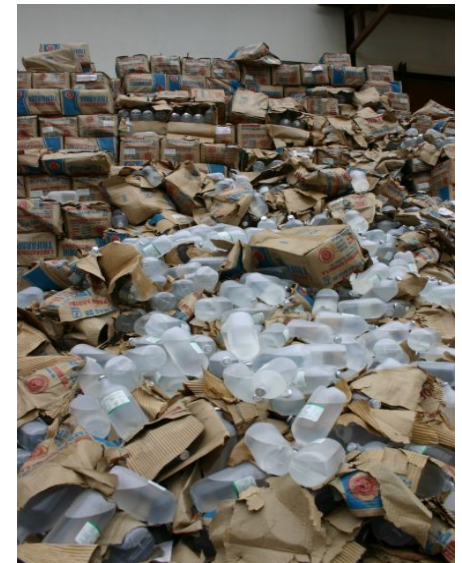


When 'relief' comes from a different culture

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Sri Lanka becoming a dumping yard under the guise of humanitarian assistance



By courtesy of Professor R.L Jayakody,
Department of Pharmacology, University of
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 —The Economic Outlook of *Globalization*

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GLOBALIZATION OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHE
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Crazy Like Us

ETHAN WATTERS

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By Sophie Bortland
 Health Editor

THE General Medical Council is urging junior doctors to 'reconsider' their planned all-out strike as hospitals will struggle to cope.
 On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, junior doctors are due to stage the first all-out strike in the NHS's history and refuse to treat even emergency patients.
 Yesterday the head of their professional regulator intervened by urging them to 'pause' and consider calling off the action. GMC chief executive Niall Dickson said he asks every doctor contemplating further and escalated industrial action to pause and consider again the possible implications for patients.
 He added that given the scale and repeated nature of what is proposed, some hospitals may struggle to cope. Mr Dickson said doctors should return to work in good faith if their hospital was suddenly overwhelmed and patients are at risk.
 A spokesman for the GMC stressed that

Now General Medical Council warns against all-out doctors' strike

doctors would not breach their professional guidelines by going on strike because they have a legal right.
 But if a patient died in an understaffed ward deserted by junior doctors, they could be referred to the GMC and, in theory, be struck off.
 The British Medical Association yesterday

promised to call off next week's strikes if the Government agreed not to impose a controversial new contract.
 But ministers refused and said it wasn't credible for the union to try to negotiate a new deal when they had walked out of talks in the first place.
 The row centres on a new contract for jun-

ior doctors that will see them working more weekend shifts, for lower hourly rates of pay. The sticking point has been Saturday pay, with the union demanding that doctors receive premium hourly rates which are 30 per cent higher.
 Junior doctors have staged four 'emergency' care only strikes since January which have led to the cancellation of 26,000 operations.
 The BMA yesterday wrote to Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt offering to call off the action if he agreed to halt the imposition of the contract.
 Dr Johann Malawana, chairman of the junior doctors' commitment group to lift the picket line, said the Government should offer to pay a 30 per cent premium for the first full weekend of doctors in this country. The Government promised to continue to stick its head in the sand.
 But Mr Hunt wrote back saying it wasn't 'credible' for the union to call for talks when it was still refusing to accept lower pay rates on Saturdays.

Millions in aid may never reach disaster victims, MPs admit

By Jason Groves
 Deputy Political Editor

MILLIONS of pounds of British aid spending could be accounted for, MPs revealed yesterday.
 Officials are unsure how much cash has reached the poor instead of going overheads. And they do not even know which groups they are funding in war-torn states such as Syria and Somalia.
 The shocking findings mean taxpayers' money is at risk of being stolen or diverted to terrorism.
 The study by the Commons public accounts committee focuses on the £1.5 billion humanitarian crisis budget, which has been in force for four years as the Department for International Development scrambles to hit the target of spending 0.7

per cent of national income on aid. The report says: 'In complex projects the department does not always know the funding, making it difficult for the department to manage risk.'
 The MPs warn that ministers have been too quick to hand money over to other aid agencies, with little control, or even knowledge, of how the money is spent. 'For many of crisis interventions, the department does not have a full understanding of how much of the taxpayer's pound is spent by which bodies and on what,' the report says.
 The Daily Mail has led the way in exposing waste in the aid budget, which has rocketed from £8.5 billion to £13 billion since 2010.

the UN, which now accounts for about half of DfID's humanitarian aid.
 It says value for money for the taxpayer is 'undermined' by the overlapping nature of the agencies and inefficiency in their systems. And it says the UN is resisting British calls to reform.
 It says DfID accepts it ought to be able to track 'who is receiving and spending money from the UK taxpayer.'
 The British Red Cross told MPs investigating the issue that DfID often funnelled money into the UN and other aid agencies because 'it is simpler and easier to do' than actually developing aid projects on the ground.
 The respected charity Medicines Sans Frontières was also critical of the UN, saying its activities were characterised by 'bureaucracy, inefficiency and slow down' the humanitarian system.
 A National Audit Office report this year found that DfID continued to fund the UN's common humanitarian fund in Somalia even after a £3.5 million fraud was confirmed. It said the department believed the project was now 'better controlled'.
 Today's report says DfID has done a 'good job' in responding to some crises, including the ebola outbreak in West Africa and helping the Philippine government strengthen its defences against typhoons.
 But it warns officials need to develop a greater understanding of how money is spent.
 A DfID spokesman defended the extensive use of outside agencies, saying it gave flexibility.
 The spokesman added: 'The Government's aid strategy places a heavy focus on ensuring value for money, and the UK is playing a lead role in discussing the future of the international humanitarian system and overseas development, including the role of UN agencies.'
 Mrs Miller, who is the Labour chairman of the accounts committee, said that although British aid money was making a positive impact in crisis zones, it should be monitored more closely.



Crisis: MPs praised the response to the ebola crisis in Africa

McDonnell: Unions can overthrow Government

By Daniel Martin
 Chief Political Correspondent

JOHN McDonnell has called for thousands of nurses and teachers to go on strike to help overthrow the Government.
 The Shadow Chancellor said public sector workers should walk out as he vowed to bring down the Tories by direct action.
 He told a rally that the era of the Labour leadership refusing to back industrial action was 'over' and pushed protesters to 'storm' Parliament. 'We said activists did not have to wait until the next election in 2020 to remove the Conservatives - saying they could 'bring this Government down' long before then.
 'I give you this commitment - whether it is in Parliament or on the picket or on the streets, the Labour leadership will be with you,' he said at an anti-austerity rally in London on Saturday.
 The comments were blasted by Tory MPs, who said it was effectively a call for revolution and a democratically elected government. They will also be great, I'd with Glensy by Labour mode. I said who fear the party is now meant, to the left to be electable. Here I Last night Andrew Bridgen, at the MP for North West Leicestershire, was a John McDonnell's anti-Tory riled support for public sector strikes is further evidence that Labour is determined to take back to the chaos of the 1970s.

Muslim exam pupils told not to fast

TEACHERS should advise Muslim children to stop studying during Ramadan if they fear it could affect their exam results, guidelines published by the Department of Education and Children's Services says pupils should be advised to stop studying if they are unable to observe the fast.
 The guidelines do not require pupils to fast during Ramadan, but their future in jobs and careers could be affected. Islamic scholars, the guidelines said, have prepared ahead of Ramadan, a 10-day season.

PROPOSAL TO THE CNO

Based on our proactive proposal, we were invited to lead the psychosocial desk at the **Centre for National Operations (CNO)**.

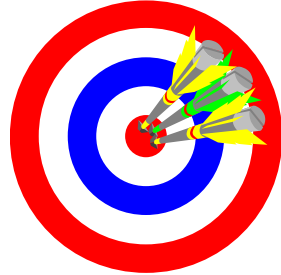
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The logo for the Centre for National Operations (CNO) features the letters 'CNO' in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. The 'C' and 'O' are solid, while the 'N' has a white lightning bolt striking through its vertical stem.

OUR STRATEGIC APPROACH



TSUNAMI AS A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY FOR POLICY IMPACT AND SUSTAINABLE CAPACITY BUILDING

- for culturally sensitive locally appropriate strategies to deal with the situation
- a multi disciplinary, primary care public health approach

**A few selected areas of work to show how
we converted philosophy in to action....**

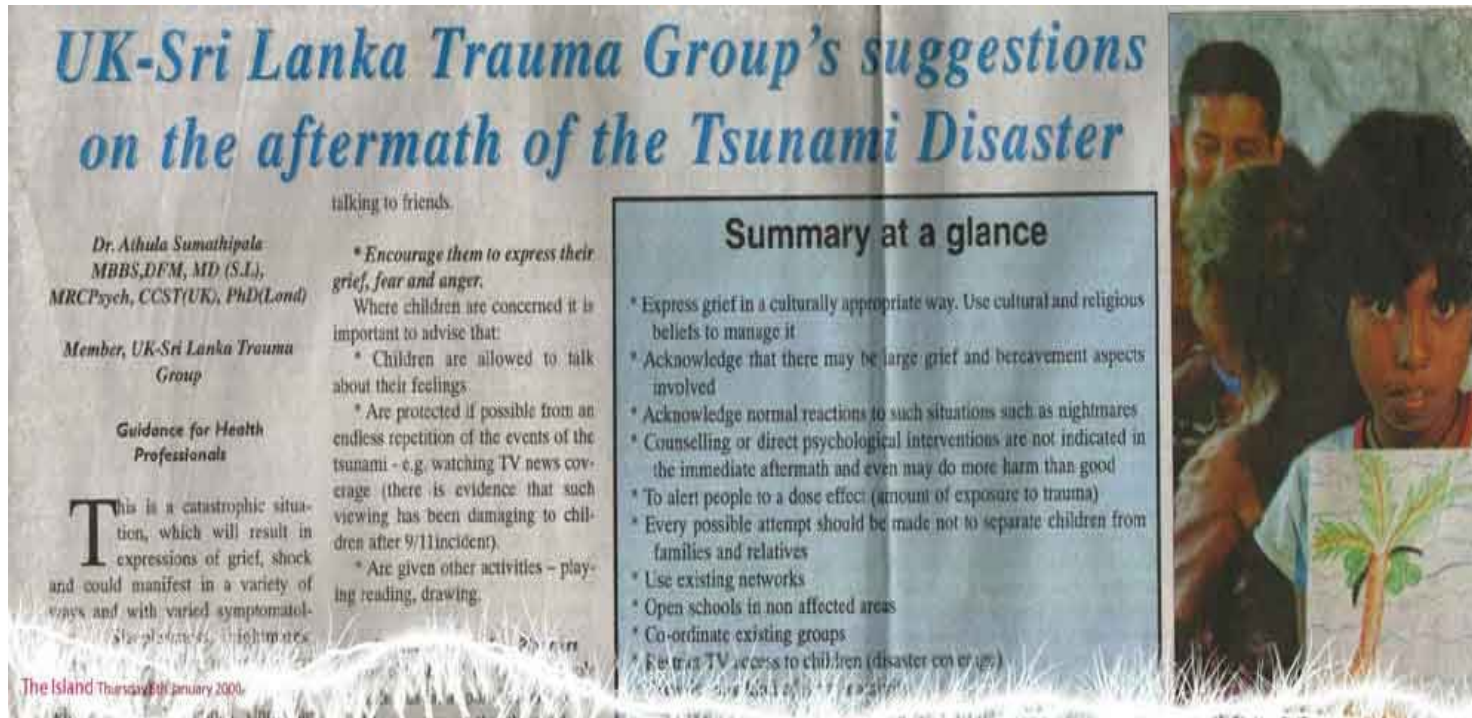
WORK RELATED TO MEDIA



Positive use of electronic and printed media

For wider dissemination of information

The Island, 6th January



UK-Sri Lanka Trauma Group's suggestions on the aftermath of the Tsunami Disaster

Dr. Athula Sumathipala
MBBS,DFM, MD (S.L.),
MRCPsych, CCST(UK), PhD(Lond)

Member, UK-Sri Lanka Trauma Group

Guidance for Health Professionals

This is a catastrophic situation, which will result in expressions of grief, shock and could manifest in a variety of ways and with varied symptomatology. Symptoms include nightmares

talking to friends.

* Encourage them to express their grief, fear and anger.


Where children are concerned it is important to advise that:

- * Children are allowed to talk about their feelings
- * Are protected if possible from an endless repetition of the events of the tsunami - e.g. watching TV news coverage (there is evidence that such viewing has been damaging to children after 9/11 incident).
- * Are given other activities - playing reading, drawing.

Summary at a glance

- * Express grief in a culturally appropriate way. Use cultural and religious beliefs to manage it
- * Acknowledge that there may be large grief and bereavement aspects involved
- * Acknowledge normal reactions to such situations such as nightmares
- * Counselling or direct psychological interventions are not indicated in the immediate aftermath and even may do more harm than good
- * To alert people to a dose effect (amount of exposure to trauma)
- * Every possible attempt should be made not to separate children from families and relatives
- * Use existing networks
- * Open schools in non affected areas
- * Co-ordinate existing groups
- * Restrict TV access to children (disaster coverage)

The Island Thursday 6th January 2000



Hundreds of media briefings, TV and radio discussions, debates, newspapers articles

The
Daily
News
05.02.
2005

LEADER

DAILY NEWS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 05 2005

The counsellor's role in times of crisis and tragedy

by Anne Abeyasekera

A front-page report in two national dailies on January 11 said that "Members of the Task Force for Rescue and Relief (TAFRR) and experts of the field of mental health and trauma counselling briefed the President about the need of a special campaign to treat the traumatised survivors of the December 26th disaster". The paragraph was headed "Wanted: professional trauma counsellors - CBRC".

Previously, the Daily News of January 3 carried a report of a "well attended press briefing" organised by the Ministry of Information and Media, at which the Ministers of



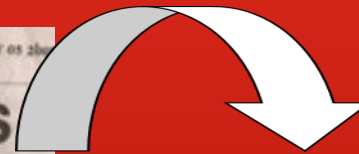
Tsunami survivors wait for aid from the Red Cross in the village of Durawandera on the west coast of Sri Lanka on January 29, 2005.

Even if all the psychiatrists (do we have more than 30 in the whole island?) and psychologists and psychotherapists and trauma counsellors spread themselves out, they would still be very thin on the ground in view of the immeasurable need.

In this situation, the services of trained counsellors who are also professionals in their own right, should be fully used.

Degrees of trauma

There may be different degrees of trauma, but counsellors meet with traumatised men, women and children in



It is understandable that psychiatrists should be anxious that only trained professionals like themselves should deal with traumatised people. We certainly need all the trauma counsellors there are.

The counsellor's role: A reply

by Dr. Athula Sumathipala
MBBS, DFM, MD (S.L),
MRCPsych, CCST (UK), PhD
(Lond)

The article titled "The counsellor's role in times of crisis and tragedy", by Anne Abeysekera in the Daily News, February 05 2005, has

There are two main points raised in this article:

1. About the place of counselling in the immediate aftermath of a disaster
2. Children should not be allowed to talk about their feelings

I do admit I said that counselling is not indicated within the first 6 weeks, but the missing part is that I also said not necessarily verbalise their feelings like adults and therefore other avenues may have to be provided for them to express their thoughts and feelings.

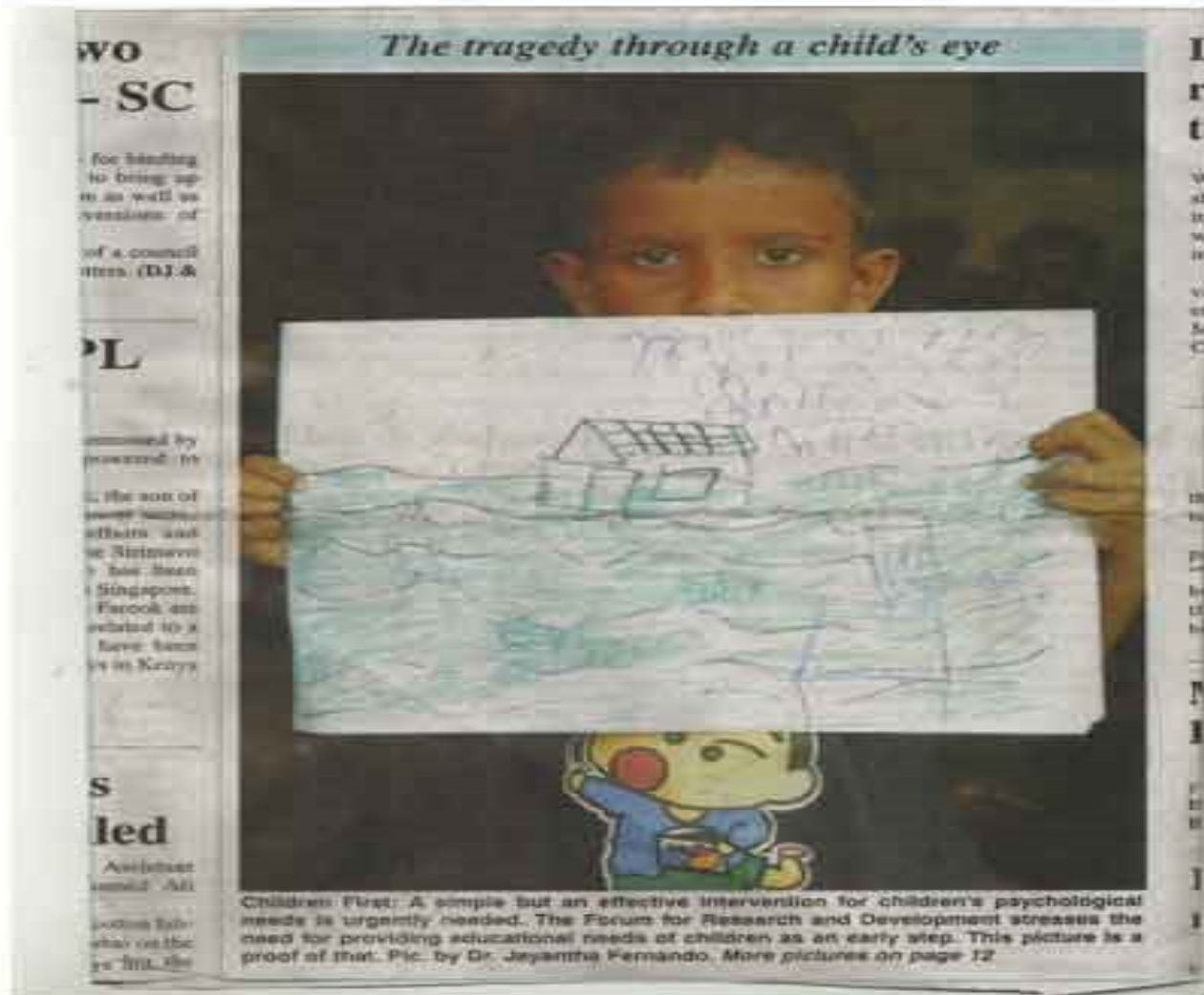
Based on this understanding, within the first week I was in the south I distributed drawing materials. In fact on January 5 *The Island* carried on the front page a photograph titled "the tragedy

dren back to school as soon as possible, but not as second-class citizens but with new uniforms and books. We knew that catering to the social needs of children to normalise their lives was the most crucial thing, and psychosocial interventions would bring about psychological benefits. This was what was needed for most of the children affected by the dis-

Daily
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WORK RELATED TO CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SECTOR

CAMPAIGN: CHILDREN FIRST

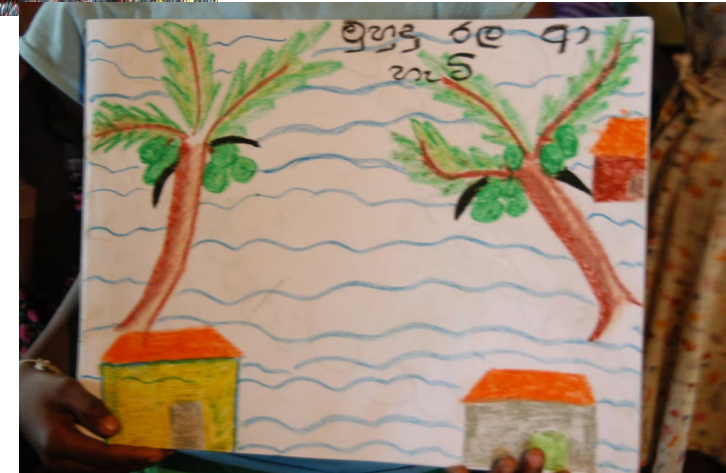


The Island 05th January 2005

Not forgetting children's needs



Helping children to express their emotions



A FULL PAGE IN A LEADING NATIONAL NEWS PAPER



Professor Athula Sumathipala

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Pay special attention to children when rebuilding country: Kadirgamar

by Nadra Gunatilleke

Special attention should be paid to children when rebuilding the country, said Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar.

"Their talents should be identified to make them talented and determined. It is very pleasant to see the talents of tsunami-affected children through this exhibition and concert organised within two months," he said addressing the awards presentation of 'Sea shells that emerged from Tsunami', an art exhibition and a concert of tsunami victim children organised by the Cultural Affairs and National Heritage Ministry at the BMICH on March 3.

Kadirgamar said because of the tsunami disaster, Sri Lanka was able to strengthen friendship with foreign countries and initiate new friendships with some countries.

The Minister said Sri Lanka had received a large amount of foreign aid in cash and kind.

"All have to unite and rebuild the country without petty differences like we assisted our own



PICTURE BY AVINASH BANDARA

Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar presents an award to a tsunami victim child while Cultural Affairs and National Heritage Minister Vijitha Herath looks on.

Daily news March 2005



An art exhibition and concert by tsunami victim children titled 'Sea shells that emerged from tsunami' was held at the BMICH on March 3. Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar and Cultural Affairs and National Heritage Minister Vijitha Herath were the chief guests. Here, two foreign ministers admire the paintings. See also Page 2
 PICTURE BY AVINASH BANDARA
 DAILY NEWS 05/03/2005

Daily News 05.03.2005

Sea shells that emerged from tsunami - art exhibition



PICTURE BY THUSHARA FERNANDO

Cultural Affairs and National Heritage Minister Vijitha Herath addresses the press briefing held at the Government Information Department yesterday (28th) while Director, Cultural Affairs, Sisira Priyadarshana, Ministry Additional Secretary Ms. Hema Jayaweera and Ministry Senior Assistant Secretary S. R. S. Senanayake look on.

Daily news 01.03.2005



PICTURES BY SUDATH SILVA AND AFP

Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton interact with children at a trauma counselling centre in Matara yesterday. Media Minister Mangala Samaraweera is looking on. Right: Former US President Bill Clinton plays a miniature drum as a young girl dances at a housing project run by USAID in Polathumodara yesterday.

by children recovering massive numbers of lives lost can- dren have shown so much ed by President George W. Bush to at the camp. They said not be compared with the impact resilience during the entire spearhead fund raising efforts that the war could do.

Daily News 22.02.2005

EDUCATION DEPT PROGRAMME

**Back to school with dignity
Early reopening of schools**



**Resuming
education
activities
even within
the camps**



WORK RELATED TO DEAD BODIES AND FORENSIC WORK

Management of Dead Bodies in Disaster Situations

Disaster Manuals and Guidelines Series, No 5



Identifying dead bodies and human right
Unidentified corpses

Mass burial
Dignified burial





Identification of the dead and missing, a basic human right

International Review of Psychiatry, Month?? 2006; 18(3): 1–9

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Identification and management of dead bodies as a component of psychosocial interventions after the tsunami: A view from Sri Lanka

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SYMPOSIUM ON “FORENSIC GENETIC SERVICES: from Pre-Tsunami Luxury to Post-Tsunami Necessity”

Saturday, 26th February, 2005, From 10.30am - 12.00noon

At

Sri Lanka Medical Association Auditorium
No. 6, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07

Chemmani case

Quotation called from
foreign labs to conduct
DNA tests....

28th June 2000, The Island

Bodies exhumed for DNA tests

The bodies of three
foreigners, killed in the
tsunami disaster and
buried in Yakdehimulla,
Unawatuna, were exhumed
by officers from Interpol....

The Island, January 2005

“Baby 81” paternity testing at private lab

Chaired by :

Dr. Jean Perera,

President elect, College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka

&

Palitha Fernando

Deputy Solicitor General,
Attorney General's Department

Keynote Speaker :

Samantha Warnakulasuriya; BSc, MSc, MBA

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officers
- Media personnel
- Informed lay public
- Disaster
management
personnel

Samantha Warnakulasuriya, Senior Forensic Scientist from the UK was in Sri Lanka

On a DNA trail.....

By Kumudini Hettiarachchi

A woman is raped and murdered in Newcastle, northeast England and the police come up with no suspect. The search is an and there is a "hit" — a vagrant is arrested three counties away, tried, convicted and jailed. Justice has been meted out.

Soon after the crime is committed, a person in protective clothing, with mask, mop cap, gloves and over-shoes is at the scene, meticulously picking up special clues, which prove to be the vital evidence that leads the police to the murderer.

Part of a team of forensic scientists who are into the latest cutting-edge technology of DNA profiling or typing, for Sri Lanka born

Samantha Warnakulasuriya it is routine work.

"The conviction of the rapist-murderer shows the power of DNA profiling," says 37-year-old Ms. Warnakulasuriya, Senior Forensic Scientist working for the Forensic Science Service (FSS) in the United Kingdom.

Just last week she was in her motherland to explore the possibility of helping the government to set up a national laboratory for this revolutionary technology in the aftermath of the tsunami. (See box)

"DNA profiling has a high level of accuracy. Ten areas plus a gender test are checked out in a DNA profile and it is a powerful tool in the identification of bodies, in criminal work and



Samantha Warnakulasuriya

also ascertaining paternity," she emphasizes. "A billion to one is the chance of two unrelated persons having the same DNA profile."

The FSS, for which Ms. Warnakulasuriya works, is an executive agency of the British Home Office. "It is the market leader in the

provision of services and the best," she says, adding that the closely worked forces in Wales and other countries.

After the FSS helped to identify people who conflict, technology time to go moving, bized conflict and technique. In Kuwait five years, established, to be expanded fields," says Warnakulasuriya.

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GENETIC LABORATORY IN SRI LANKA?

A genetic laboratory has been a long felt need for Sri Lanka.

...ative project among the Sri Lanka Twin Registry, King's

...pala adding, "If we had the capability, it would have helped the victims of tsunami

...nakulasuriya came in with her expertise on February 14 to provide technical advice



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Warning of legal disaster

OSG calls for modern forensic services with DNA

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He made these observations at a symposium on 'Forensic Genetic Services, from Pre Tsunami Luxury to Post Tsunami Necessity' at the Sri Lanka Medical Association.

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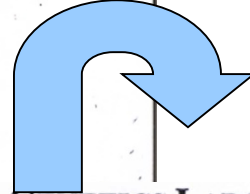
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ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENETICS LABORATORY IN SRI LANKA

This refers to the request made by the “Sri Lanka Twin Registry” regarding the above subject. The Ministry of Health wishes to express its concurrence for the establishment of the above facility within the Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka, under the Epidemiologist.

Dr. Mathew Hottoff,
 Reader,
 Dept. of Psychological Medicine,
 Institute of Psychiatry,
 Kings College,
 LONDON.

Dear Dr. Mathew,

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Your kind gesture to support this cause is very much appreciated by the Hon. Minister of Health in Sri Lanka.

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With kindest regards,
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Yours truly,

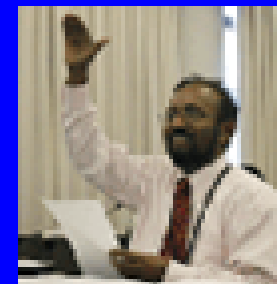
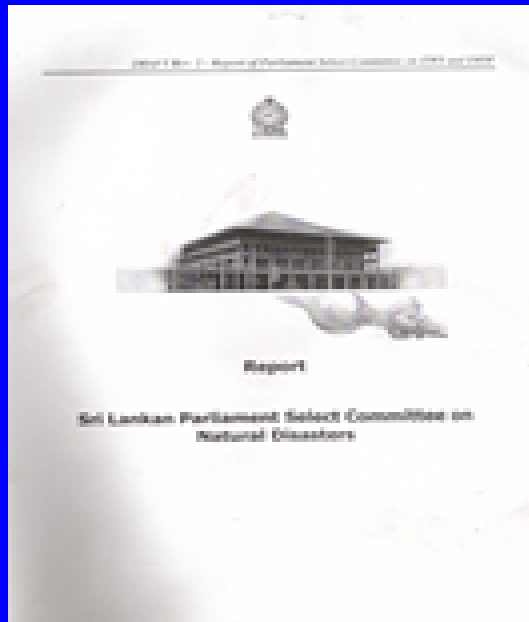
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Dr. H.A.P. Kahandaliyanage
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Submission to the Select Committee of Parliament to Recommend Steps to Minimize the Damages from Natural Disasters



Date : 2005-05-31 Colombo, 31 May, (http://www.Asian_tribune.com):

In a written submission to Minimize the Damages from Natural Disasters the Forum for Research & Development has revealed to the Select Committee of Parliament some glaring gaps and inadequacies.

DISASTERS AND ETHICS

Lets prevent retraumatising the traumatised
WORKSHOP ON “ETHICS OF TRAUMA RESEARCH”

28th JANUARY, 2005 From 09.30am - 11.30am

At

SRI LANKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AUDITORIUM

No. 6, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7

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Please ensure that you register in advance, as places are limited.

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Target groups

Lawyers,
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Medical Officers of Health in all
Provinces,
Psychiatrists & Trainees,
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Community Physicians,
General Practitioners,
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multilateral and bilateral aid agencies
involved in Tsunami Relief Work,
Policy Planners

“Parachute Research”

Tsunami was a fertile ground for exploitation for easy and cheap research

Japanese group collecting blood for a proteomic study on biological markers of stress without any ethical approval in Sri Lanka.

A CASE STUDY

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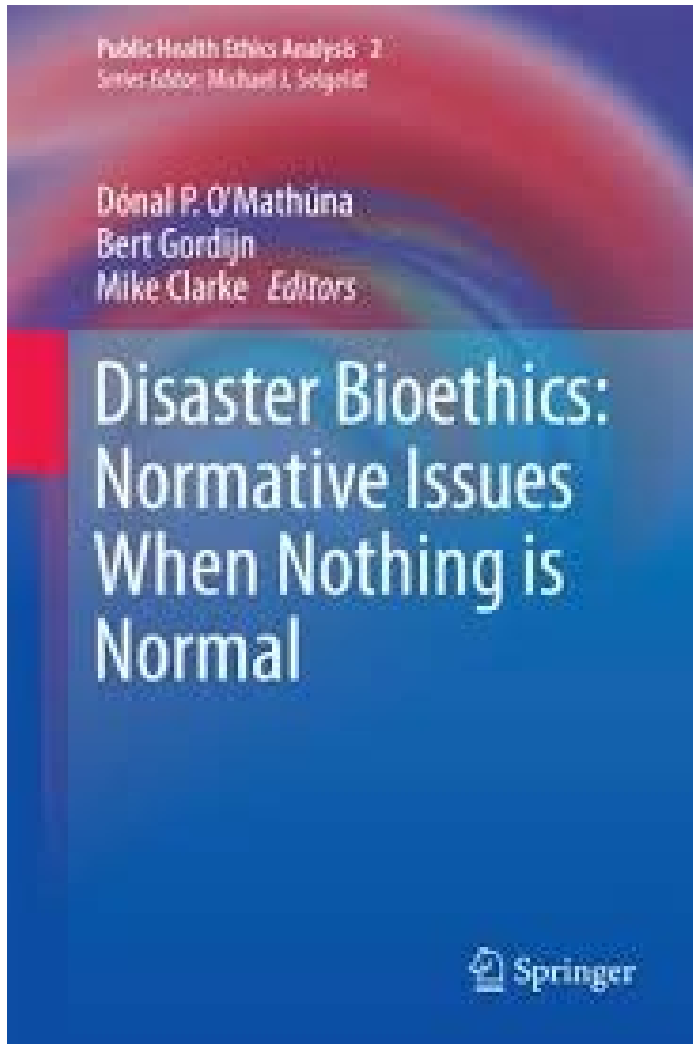
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2005-2015

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- World Bank has allocated US\$ 2 million to the government to reduce suicide.

Observation

Sri Lanka collectively achieved some strategically important steps such as developing the agenda for mental health as opposed to psychiatry and bringing the public health perspective and multi-disciplinary perspective to the fore and translating policy into practice. The repositioning of the overall agenda in the right direction was a major achievement.

Thailand

The Thai response to the tsunami is the model of an ideal response to a massive

Mental Health and Psychosocial Relief Efforts after the Tsunami in South – East Asia

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Remember you are a 'guest' in the country and there to **help local people to help themselves, not to create dependency.**

Treat all with dignity, especially dead, who may have died without it. Aim to foster cooperation and the **restoration of motivation self belief,** and self sufficiency.

Humanitarian disasters are confusing and team work is vital; leadership means leading by example, and praise and interest are key.

Some colleagues may have personalities that make them difficult to get on with

It is natural to feel '**down**' at times, and support may be drawn from religious faith, **belief in mission, communication with family and friends, home comforts, and letters.**

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