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Facilitators	:	Stephen Suntharaja-CHRD Francis Solomentine-CHRD
Resource Persons	:	Thilaka Wijayasinhe-Lawyer

Sinhapura is located 44KM away from Polonnaruwa town and it's a remote area. The workshop started at 9.30am. Due to lack of transport participants were unable to come on time to workshop. Sunila Women and Children Foundation, Coordinator Ms. Chandani welcomed the participants and briefed the workshop objectives, vision and mission of her organization. Sinhapura Mahawali Development Authority Block Manager (BM) welcomed CHRD staff and briefed what Mahaweli's activities are. Following the welcome speech, participants introduced themselves. Participants were from villages such as Sinhapura, Dimbulana, Parakunyaya, Muthuwela and Kudapokuna. The majority of the participants were women. CHRD Programme Manager, Stephen explained the objectives of the workshop and briefed about CHRD and its activities.

The session commenced with a need assessment. The assessment was to identify the participants' knowledge on Human Rights and Fundamental Rights. Parameter method was used for the assessment. In addition to parameter method, two other methods like Diamond Ranking and Wen Diagram were also applied. The programme was amended to a certain extent, which differed from the Kegalle programme.

Following tea break, participants were divided into five groups. The session was continued by Thilaka Wijayasinhe, attorney-at-law. Thilaka Wijayasinhe briefed participants on both Human and Fundamental Rights. He covered some of the legal remedies for land issues.

Soon after lunch break each group was asked to identify a problem they faced in their community. After analyzing the community problems, using the Diamond Rank method, problems were prioritized. One representative from each group explained the priority problem identified. After describing problems a common discussion was held to analyze priority problems in-depth.

Soon after evening tea, participants were brought together for a panel discussion during which participants raised questions regarding their problems. Immediate and long-term solutions were discussed. Certificates were issued to the participants by CHRD. Workshop concluded at 5pm.

Key problems identified

Child Abuse
Corruption
Lack of Probation Officers, Mid-wife and Doctors visiting these villages
Lack of transport and
Shortage of pure drinking water

Outcomes

End of workshop participants

- became aware of their rights
- came to know the structure of problem solving if, any problems arises to the community



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HRD and Human Rights Commission, Kandy if and when they

y, Block Manager promised to give his auditorium free of
e Coalition of Civil Society.

N.B: It is apt to mention that by identifying the key issues, CHRD immediately taken steps by writing to the Government Agent of Polonnaruwa, Chairman of NPCA, Colombo and Director of Child Care and Probation Authority requesting to take immediate action to overcome these issues.