



Acronym: OCHA Sri Lanka
Full Name: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Sri Lanka
Website: ochaonline.un.org/srilanka
Established: 2004
Location: Sri Lanka

Areas of expertise: Humanitarian planning process, information management, disaster planning and response.

Main Partners and collaborations: Government of Sri Lanka.

Short Description:

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) makes possible the coordination between governments and the humanitarian community in case of disasters. Thus, OCHA established its presence in Sri Lanka after the 2004 Tsunami. During this time, OCHA coordinated the Tsunami response and as a part of the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator /Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC) has focused on facilitating the response to the complex emergency in the conflict-affected areas of northern and north-eastern Sri Lanka.

OCHA Sri Lanka works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights in strengthening the disaster preparedness capacity of the Sri Lankan Government, as well as facilitating access and other permits for UN and NGO humanitarian agencies operating in the conflict-affected areas.

Main activities:

OCHA leads the humanitarian planning process through the Common Humanitarian Action Plan (CHAP) and facilitates regular contingency planning exercises. OCHA works also in coordination with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights to develop Capacity building for information management and disaster planning and response. In addition, OCHA collaborates with the Government of Sri Lanka's Survey Department and the Urban Development Authority to review data of districts and divisions.

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