

List of Swiss / Swiss-based organizations and their respective activities in Sri Lanka (SL)

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Swiss Government Agencies

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Political Division IV (PD IV)	Janine Händel, Programme Officer Sri Lanka 031 / 322 31 19 janine.haendel@eda.admin.ch Martin Stürzinger, Advisor for Peacebuilding Embassy of Switzerland, Colombo +94 11 269 51 17 martin.stuerzinger@eda.admin.ch	1997 selective, since 2000/2001 intensively. Since June 2003 Peace-building Advisor at Swiss Embassy in SL (Martin Stürzinger)	SL: Colombo Island-wide CH: Diaspora	* Swiss Embassy, Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies, One-Text-Initiative, Fondation Suisse de Déminage Nadesan Centre for Human Rights, Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Institute for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Centre for Human Rights and Development (CHRD), Institute for Federalism, * Networking: Deza, GTZ, BMZ, AA, KOFF. In SL active Swiss NGOs	* Political support of the peace process through complementary peace-building activities on “track 2, or 1.5 respectively”. * Intensive contacts with the two conflict parties, the opposition, Muslims, and also with local NGOs. Close cooperation with the Network for Conflict Transformation (RNCST) of the Berghof Foundation. Important issue areas of RNCST: security and governance, political culture and participation, political economy. * Consultancy in federalism/powersharing/decisional structures.	* Track I-II activities require a comprehensive peace-building strategy. * Peace-building is difficult to plan and needs much flexibility. * Peace-building is a long process and sometimes difficult to explain to outsiders. * Switzerland as a „small international player“ is well positioned locally with the PBA and possesses good contacts. To consolidate the engagement, enough personal and financial resources, intense contacts to the conflict parties as well as to other internal and external actors are essential.	* PD IV will remain active in the outlined issue areas for the next 2-3 years. A medium-term strategy for the next 2-3 years is being developed.	* What is the profile of Switzerland concerning peace-building/humanitarian aid/development co-operation in a year? * Where are perspectives for a coherent Swiss “peace alliance”? * How can the resources be used even more efficiently and effectively?

	Rachel Groux-Nürnberg Advisor for Human Rights Embassy of Switzerland, Colombo +94 11 269 51 17 rachel.groux@eda.admin.ch			* Bi- and multilateral donors and actors in Sri Lanka, International Donor Working Group	*The issue area of "Human rights in the peace process" will be further developed, e.g. there are contacts with the Senior human rights Adviser des UN Country Team, Ian Martin and there are partnerships with Nadesan, ICES, NHRC (via UNDP). The gender component will also be strengthened. * Humanitarian Demining (Demining, Mine Risk Awareness, Capacity Building). Political engagement for an approximation of the parties to the landmine ban (MBT, so called Ottawa convention, or Geneva Call)	* Peace-building on track I-II requires well informed, dedicated and well networked employees. * With its commitment, Switzerland can contribute to further strengthen the political will of all parties for a peaceful solution. Switzerland cannot (and does not want to) present a solution as this will have to be negotiated by the conflict parties.	* SL actors "profit" from and partly "exploit" the peace-building expertise that has flooded their country (e.g. many resources are invested in demining without the parties politically moving towards a landmine ban). * Does a conditionality of peace-building make political sense?
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DFA - PD IV Human Rights Policy Section	Christoph Sommer: 031 / 325 06 50 christoph.sommer@eda.admin.ch	spring 2003		NHRC, contacts with NESOHR	Priority: human rights in the peace process. Topics: child recruitment, gender specific violence, political killings. Further topics: access to justice, death penalty, situation of IDPs, distribution of resources after the Tsunami		Projects on human rights, exchange on human rights with bi- and multilateral donors, sensitivising stakeholders of the conflict about human rights issues (especially LTTE)	Strengthening the human rights component in the peace process in the Sri Lanka program.
DFA - PD IV Humanitarian Policy and Migration Section	Beatrice Cabalzar 031 / 322 30 35 beatrice.cabalzar@eda.admin.ch	middle of 1996			Refugees / IDPs Sri Lankan citizens in Switzerland / repatriation		No own projects in SL. At the annual conference of PD IV (9/9/2003) there was a workshop on "Migration: emigration and repatriation".	

DFA - PD IV Asia / Oceania	Boris Richard 031 / 322 83 66 boris.richard@eda.admin.ch				* Pursuit of track 1 activities, continued political and diplomatic contacts * Organisation of official talks			
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) www.deza.admin.ch Humanitarian Aid		* In the 90s: Rehabilitation infrastructure of the Health sector, * Since 2003: Post-conflict rehabilitation programme including: rehabilitation of school buildings, basic health care, community rehabilitation. * 2004/2005: Tsunami: Emergency response, Post tsunami rehabilitation of schools and housing sector	* North East * South: after natural disasters 2002 und 2003 as emergency response (IFRC)	* ICRK, WFP, IFRC, Caritas, HEKS, TdH-Lausanne, FSD, BFF, ZOA for Refugees, Halo Trust * SDC Offices: Cooperation Office Colombo, Field Offices Jaffna, Matura, Trincomalee	- Emergency aid for IDPs, victims of natural disasters and conflicts (SRK, WFP, IKRK, etc.), - Food aid (WFP), - IDP return - Post-Conflict and Post-Tsunami Rehabilitation Schools: Jaffna and Matara - Housing reconstruction (Cash for Repair and Reconstruction Programmes Matara and Trincomalee) - Demining (FSD, Halo Trust), - health issues (new, rather in Vanni region, SDC).	The current program of Humanitarian Aid should also indirectly support the ongoing peace process.	Continuation of post-conflict/post-tsunami reconstruction programmes until 2006/07; integrated medium term strategy SDC/PD IV	Fate/implementation of P-TOMS (joint mechanism) unclear, peace negotiations still suspended; Post-Tsunami cost explosion; lack of skilled labour in the North; politicised planning and reconstruction parameters, i.e buffer zones, regional balance, etc.

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SDC Development Cooperation / South Asia www.deza.admin.ch	Michael Gerber +41 31 325 92 71 michael.gerber@deza.admin.ch	No priority country of SDC, but there have been different instruments (projects directed or funded by SDC) for the last 20 years on a yearly basis of 1.5 to 2 Mio CHF	Entire SL (television programs, program contribution), East (SDC directed project)	Helvetas, Swisscontact, Swiss Embassy and different local partners	* SDC directed project: "Development and Peace SL" (DPSL), implemented by Helvetas and Swisscontact in eastern provinces affected by war in 2000. Aim: improving the conditions of living and therefore reducing the conflict potential and furthering a peaceful cohabitation of Singhalese, Tamils and Muslims. * Contribution to NGOs: Helvetas and Swisscontact receive yearly contributions to their programs of CHF 1'200'000.- for their activities in southern and eastern SL. * Support of a private television station (YATV) for the production of a television program with the peace process as subject * Swiss Embassy supports chosen applications for aid, mainly in the areas of human rights and governance	Important experiences stem from the connection of development cooperation and peace-building in eastern SL (SDC directed project), the next phase (2004-07) builds on the results and experiences being made in PCIA with local partner organisations and resource persons.	Continuation of the current activities Within the scope of the limited financial possibilities flexible reactions on opportunities, focussing on conflict transformation.	

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Federal Office for Migration (FOM) www.bfm.admin.ch www.asyl.admin.ch	Christoph Erismann 031 / 325 99 88 Christoph.Erismann@bfm.admin.ch Stephan Parak 031 / 325 92 60 Stephan.Parak@bfm.admin.ch	ca. 1982	Colombo. The local office was closed in August 2004. However, the FOM plans to send a new employee to Colombo in October 2005 to temporarily take over tasks in the areas of asylum and migration. (Switzerland is one of the few countries that manages applications for asylum locally.)	Close contacts inside the Swiss federal administration (especially to DFA, PD II, PD IV, SDC), with foreign partner agencies, international organisations (UNHCR; ICRC) and different NGOs	* Dealing with all questions and aspects to do with migration, as well as with laws on asylum and foreigners as mandated by the legislation	Peace needs a lot of stamina, time and patience.	Continuing monitoring of the situation	Adequate consideration of the constantly changing threat profile

Swiss Non-Government Organizations

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Caritas Switzerland www.caritas.ch	Bettina Bühler bbuehler@caritas.ch	Since 1988 supporting projects in SL. Before that the department of migration had already supported asylum seekers and refugees in Switzerland. Since December 2004 operationally active with international personnel in emergency assistance and reconstruction after the Tsunami.	Trincomalee, Eastcoast Up to now general emergency assistance and reconstruction in the Northeast, since end of 2002 also in Mannar. National peacebuilding program in all districts.	Local diocese Caritas EHED in Trincomalee (coordination via national Caritas SEDEC). International consortium with Caritas Luxemburg, Caritas Austria, directed by Caritas Switzerland Office for migration, protestant churches Bern-Jura, Caritas network in Europe and overseas	* Emergency assistance and integrated reconstruction after the Tsunami * Reconstruction and peace-building *Promotion of partners / capacity building *Networking/advocacy/ lobbying	* Integration of others concerned is important (e.g. people displaced by war) * Combination of reconstruction and peace-building to an approach of conflict- sensitive reconstruction (improved accountability of the impact of the entire program, consistent with do no harm principles) * improving the coordination between the different actors	* Reconstruction of 1.000 houses, including water, sanitation and livelihood components successfully completed * Cooperation with diocese Anaradhnapura in central SL started successfully. * Combination of reconstruction and peace-building to an approach of conflict sensitive reconstruction with focus on Mannar * Support of partner organisations in development of this integrated approach and in the development of their PCM capacities * Active member of international Caritas Working Group * Support of the parliamentary delegation of in February 2004 (organised by office for migration)	* Question of beneficiary: regions with people affected by the tsunami or by the war or both ? * Resettlement by the government: analysis, latest developments concerning the return, local conflict situations, different actors in the Mannar district

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Center for Peacebuilding (KOFF), swisspeace www.swisspeace.ch	Cordula Reimann 031 / 330 10 74 cordula.reimann@swisspeace.ch	2001		EDA, PA IV KOFF member-NGOs Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies/RNCST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Information exchange * Analysis * Networking * Strategy planning 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Roundtable discussions, networking and information platform activities * Clarifying and facilitating a coherent and comprehensive Swiss "peace strategy" in SL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Is the KOFF Roundtable the right platform to facilitate strategic discussions moving beyond information exchange? * How to build a better and more coherent "peace constituency" among Swiss actors? * How to purposefully integrate the Diaspora in the conflict transformation work?
Geneva Call www.geneva.call	Katherine Kramer kkramer@genevacall.org Chris Rush crush@genevacall.org	2002	Northeast	TRO	Dialogue with LTTE and government about the use of anti-personnel mines and about signing the landmine ban: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Facilitation * Mine Action * confidence-building measures. 		Direct dialogue with the LTTE. Conduct meetings with GoSL representatives.	To get the two parties to discuss together the mine ban within or parallel to the peace talks. Simultaneous commitment.
HEKS - Swiss Interchurch Aid www.heks.ch	Andreas Sicks Tsunami Asia Programme 0 44/3608930 sicks@hekseper.ch	Since 2005	Matara District	SDC	Repair and reconstruction in Tsunami-affected areas		Joint Implementation of school rehabilitation programme in Matara District with SDC Cooperation with local NGO on village rehabilitation in Eastern Sri Lanka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * How to develop a medium term development programme out of a rehabilitation and reconstruction programme?

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Helvetas www.helvetas.ch	Christian Oswald (Country desk), 01 / 368 65 42 Christian.oswald@helvetas.org	Helvetas since 1978 (Oswald since 2001)	Island-wide with focus on central highlands and east coast	Sarvodaya, Satyodaya, Palm Foundation, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Gami Seva Sevana, TrikonE, Centre for Performing Arts, Lawyers for Human Rights & Development, Eastern Human & Economic Development, Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies, Sewa Lanka Foundation, Survivors Associated	Water & Sanitation, Organic Agriculture, Culture, Human Rights & Reconciliation, Reconstruction (Tsunami-projects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Concentrate on less partners/projects. * Closer monitoring and coaching of the partners by Helvetas * Insist in a clear and concrete planning by the partner organisations, based on quantitative indicators. * Insist in less philosophy, more figures and facts in all partner documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * No major changes; possibly phasing-out in the long run (after 2007) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For reconstruction projects: How to cope with constantly changing legal conditions (buffer zone, allocation of land etc.) and contradicting government decisions? * For development projects: How to coordinate donors agencies supporting the same partner, if each donor insists in its own way of doing things? * How to harmonise working principles and standards of local partners and requirements of Helvetas and SDC? How to reach financial sustainability of partners if the potential of beneficiaries' contributions is minimal?

Migration Unit and OeME of the Evangelical Reformed Churches of Bern-Jura-Solothurn	Elisabeth von Rütte Migration Unit 31 313 10 25 Swiss coordinator: Marie-Anne Pinheiro-Fankhauser, Bern pinfank@gmail.com	1983/84 since arrival of Tamil refugees in Switzerland	Jaffna peninsula	* Church of South India, diocese Jaffna CSI, national church council NCC * intensive contacts to Tamil diaspora, societies, Hindu temples, also to political organisations and TRO Switzerland	Women – peace – refugees: * Women: For 12 years, church communities and individual donors from Bern have financed the nine centres for occupational training of CSI, diocese of Jaffna. Young women and war widows are taught in sewing, baking and typewriting. Another such centre is due to open soon in Vanni. * Peace: The partners from Bern and Jaffna visit each other regularly. The guests from Jaffna report about the situation in their country. * Refugees: Tamils living in Switzerland are regularly contacted. The donors of the project views repatriations to SL as problematic.	The situation at grassroots level has not changed fundamentally despite the peace process. Improvement will need more time.	* Continuation of „Palmyrah – ecumenical partnership project Bern-Jaffna“ * Preparation and implementation of a parliamentary delegation to SL in February 2004 together with the Swiss Embassy in Colombo, Swisscontact, Helvetas and Caritas Switzerland.	Successful preparation and implementation of the parliamentary delegation in February 2004.
SAD – Swiss Academy for Development	Ruveni Wijesekera wijesekera@sad.ch	2006	Batti, Vavunia, Kalmunai, Hambantata, Matara, Ampara	Sarvodaya				
SAH International www.sah.ch	Barbara Gruner +41 44 444 19 65 Barbara.Gruner@sah.ch Karin Voigt in Head of Mission Kilinochi 0094/21/2285070 0094/21/2285107 Karin.voigt@sah.ch	since 2005	The Vanni (Kilinochi, Jaffan and Mullaitivu district) Galle, Hambantota, Matara, Ampara	The Economic Consultancy House (TECH), Rainforest Rescue International (RRI), Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund, Norwegians' Peoples Aid	Reconstruction & Rehabilitation er Tsunami Development of sustainable livelihoods in Tsunami and war affected communities. Agriculture/Forestry/Fishery/Environment (Working in conflict)	n/a	* Move as fast as possible from relief to development. * Physical construction of tsunami affected areas. * Well cleaning. Simultaneously mobilize communities to develop sustainable livelihoods. * Include aspects of peace-building through North-South exchange	* Working in LTTE controlled areas with parallel structures of government. * How to deal with stigmatization of politicians? * General lack of infrastructure and local capacities (local personnel, local NGOs) due to 20 years civil war. * High dependencies on long-term relief programs. Lack of initiative, high level of patron-client structure

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Service civil international, Swiss section www.scich.org/	Theres Bärtschi Haider 031 / 381 46 22 info@scich.org	Since 1950s	Office in Kandy, where activities are organised from. The office of the Asian coordination is also in Kandy.	Service civil international Sri Lankan Branch	Organisation of work camps Diaspora Internship Projects: peace-building internships in Sri Lanka for members of the Sri Lankan diaspora living in Switzerland.			
Swisscontact www.swisscontact.org	Ruedi Nützi 01 / 454 1730 rn@swisscontact.ch	01.2005	Kurunegala District	Local NGOs, National Youth Services Council (YN-NYSC) and commercial Bank	Local Economic Development (LED) through enabling business environment, market access, support of women in micro businesses, financial services and skills development		Sector action plans have been implemented and issues have been taken at a provincial level.	Confidence of business community, consumers and target group has increased.
		01.2000	Ampara and Batticaloa Districts	Strategic alliance with Helvetas to implement "Development & Peace" mandate of SDC.	Improvement of job qualifications and (self-) employment opportunities for unemployed youth of all ethnic groups		developing social, as well as technical competence	Working together with all ethnic and religious groups
		06.2005	Ampara and Batticaloa Districts	Sewalanka Foundation (SLF), St. John's Vocational Training Centre (VTC), Chambers & trade associations VTA and technical colleges MSDVTE and local authorities	Vocational Training and Business Recovery (VTBR) Economic reconstruction for Tsunami effected people		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • distribution of essential tools • training in construction trades • technologies for construction materials • information and support for MSME Finalisation by 12.2006	
		06.2005	Trincomalee and Matara Districts	Trincomalee: Sinhala Tamil Muslim Rural Women's Network" (the Network). Matara: Women in Need (WIN), an organisation engaged in supporting women.	Women's Economic Development WED: restores livelihoods, especially of tsunami-affected women and their families	The project's target group are tsunami-affected women who often were already victimised by the armed conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small production units for natural products • write off debts of affected women entrepreneurs • continuous psychological and legal counselling services 	

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Swiss Foundation for Mine Action www.fsd.ch/	Franz Baer FSD Programme Manager, Sri Lanka +41 79 202 10 84 franz.baer@fsd.ch	Summer 2002	LTTE in Wannai area and government districts of Mannar and Vavuniya	AusAID Gov of Japan Geneva Call ICRC UNDP UNICEF DEZA PDIV National Steering Committee for Mine Action (NSCMA) TRO Consortium of Humanitarian agencies (CHA), Sri Lanka	General Mine Action Assessment (GMAA) and development of local capacities in the field of Mines/UXO clearance. Numerous Explosive Ordnance Disposal Tasks (EOD) on behalf of the District Mine Action Offices in Vavuniya and Jaffna as well as for TRO/HDU in Mannar. FSD is “key player” in Mannar & Vavuniya district	The mine contamination in the whole northern province is tremendous. If safe return of IDPs and rehabilitation of the area is to be guaranteed, capacities have to be considerable enhanced by all involved demining organizations. In parallel, the political process to reach to a land-mine ban from both, the government and the LTTE, is crucial to a successful decontamination of the area.	* Due to increased return plans of IDPs we have to speed up our activities and enhance our capacities. The pressure for a safe return of IDPs to mine contaminated areas remains high. * A lot of areas are mined suspected but probably not mined, blocking the willingness of IDP’s to return. This land must be technically investigated as soon as possible and given free. * Increasing of technical Survey is planned but not funded until now.	* Cope with increased time pressure from returnees and follow the reconstruction of infrastructure by setting clearance priorities. * Increase local management and technical capacity in order to investigate mined areas faster. * Raise the necessary funds for the project enhancement.
Swiss Refugee Council (SRC) www.sfh-osar.ch	Rainer Mattern 031/ 370 75 75 rainer.mattern@sfh-osar.ch	Ca. 1982	countrywide	Has a good information network with individuals and employees of different organisations in Switzerland	* continuously observing and documenting the developments in SL, no operative projects in SL * context analysis, topical papers and positions about questions relevant for asylum * answering particular requests of legal advice offices, lawyers, and agencies		* Overall planning depends on developments in Swiss asylum policy * Continuously observing and documenting of the situation	Compilation of updates and positions about periled and vulnerable groups regarding the repatriation of asylum seekers from Sri Lanka.
Swiss Red Cross www.redcross.ch	Frank Bertelsbeck Internationa Co-operation 031/ 387 73 96 frank.bertelsbeck@redcross.ch							

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Swiss Solidarity/ Chaîne du Bonheur/ Glückskette www.swiss-solidarity.org	Rahel Specht specht@bonheur.ch	Since 1992 financing projects linked with the peacebuilding process (psychosocial support watsan, prothesis supply, etc.) Since December 2004, supporting emergency , rehabilitation and reconstruction after tsunami.	Southern, Eastern and Northern Provinces	Various Swiss private NGOs (Helvetas, Caritas, Terre des hommes Lausanne, Swiss Labour, ADRA, Swiss Red Cross, Medair, Swisscontact, EPER/HEKS, Co-operaid), Handicap International.	Emergency assistance, rehabilitation and reconstruction after tsunami, Cash projects, psychosocial support, medical care, disaster prevention, community mobilisation, vocational training, income generating activities, restoration of livelihood activities, support to micro and small enterprises, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Do no harm and conflict sensitive approach * Quality management, project cycle issues * Coordination between stakeholders * New partners * Adapting to a new environment * Adapting to changing government rules * Large scale communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Major reconstruction projects all over the coastal- affected areas * Livelihood projects (boat repairing and fishing-related activities) * Software projects (psychosocial and legal support, education,, etc.) * Transparent communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Adapting to government changing rules * Selecting good, viable and durable projects * Monitoring a large number of complex projects * Coordination between our operational partners * Working closely with other donors * Clarification of procurement issues * Communication to the public of rational use of emotionally-donated funds
Terre des hommes www.tdh.ch	Michael Sidman Asia Area Manager 0 21/654 66 45 Laurence Vorpe Desk officer Asia 021/7654 66 41				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Strengthening existing programmes as well as launching new programmes in war-torn regions * Projects oriented towards children 			
Stiftung TRO Schweiz (STROS) www.stros.ch	Shanmugathan Subramaniam 041 360 88 32 info@stros.ch	2006	Mostly in Northern & Eastern Provinces Sri Lanka Malaysia Indien(in Planung)	SDC (support of sports-coaching-project), STA(Stiftung Tamils Aid) NAKU(Nachhilfe und Kulturschule) Amman Illam(Childrens Home) Gandhi Seva Sangam Childhood Development Council	Reconstruction, Children homes, Preschools, Training centres, Elderly home, Medical projects, Further	Communication among the Swiss NGOs and among international consortiums are essential and should be fostered.	Other Countrys -Africa, India(In Action).	Finding partner organisations to implement common projects.

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University of Fribourg, Institute of Federalism (IFF) www.federalism.ch	Prof. Thomas Fleiner; 026 / 300 81 28 Thomas.Fleiner@unifr.ch Sean Müller; 026 / 300 81 72 Sean.Mueller@unifr.ch		Fleiner since 1993 None. The delegations at the Institute are always of different compositions.	CH: EDA, Political Division IV SL: Berghof Foundation; Centre for Policy Alternatives, CH-Swiss Embassy	* Federalism * Decentralisation	* Constitutional law * Multiculturalism /- linguism	Lessons learned relate more to the specific aspects of organizing study trips, workshops, and conferences. * Study trip of Prof. Sitrampalam at the IFF (June – Sept. 2005)	* Participation of Sri Lankan delegation at the Summer University at IFF 2005 (co-ordinated by the Berghof Foundation) n/a
University of Bern, Institute for Political Science, www.ipw.unibe.ch	Andrea Iff +41 31 631 83 33 iff@ipw.unibe.ch	2006	SL (island wide)	Berghof Foundation Sri Lanka Office; University of Peradenija, Economics Department; University of Colombo, Law Faculty	Analysis of constitutional process within the peace process and federalism in Sri Lanka		Writing of co-authored papers with Sri Lankan academics; maintenance and contact with researchers in Sri Lanka and Switzerland	Is there room for academic discussion on the peace process? Could this be a possibility to keep the dialogue going in a situation of war? How can the constitutional question be tackled?
World Vision Switzerland www.worldvision.ch	Cornelia Fischer c.fischer@worldvision.ch	since 2005	Jaffna District, Point Pedro	KOFF	1. Education Sector Reconstruction of destroyed or badly damaged schools in GoSL and LTTE-controlled areas. WorldVision Swiss contribution: Alvai Primary School in Alvai North Village, Point Pedro, Jaffna District. 2. Tsunami Response Establishing of „child friendly spaces“ immediately after the catastrophe, social and psychological support for the traumatized victims.	n/a	World Vision Partnership has agreed to re-build 65 schools in the affected areas in 2005/2006.	“Endangered peace process” and its effects on children and youth in Sri Lanka.

Resource Persons

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Philippe Gazagne	Philippe.gazagne@iued.unige.ch Tél. 076 518 518 9	2003	Eastern districts of Sri Lanka: Trincomalee Batticaloa Ampara + France/Switzerland	Graduate Institute of Development Studies (iued) Geneva	Socio-economic strategies for adaptation and adjustment of local actors (tamil/sinhalese and muslim) in relation to the input of resources provided by humanitarian and development agencies and diaspora networks Dynamics engendered by humanitarian and development interventions, with a focus on both the positive and negative effects of these processes on either peace or war	The input of external resources leads to transformation of social relations, which causes significant challenges for conflict transformation There is a need to enhance our understanding of how macro-level processes interact with in actual fact with micro-level dynamics	Fieldwork: 12/2003 - 01/2004 10/2004 - 12/2004 03/2006 - 06/2006 09/2006 - 12/2006 02/2007 - 05/2007	What are the experiences in assessing competitive socio-economic relationships and power relations in the areas of Sri Lanka in which they are operating? How do the Swiss organisations involved in Sri Lanka monitor the dynamics engendered by their projects? Interested to find working relationships, common interests and potential synergies with other Swiss-based actors.
Damaris Lüthi	031 332 12 09 damaris.luethi@lorraine.ch	Sri Lankan Tamils: 2000, before that occasionally since 1984; Indian Tamils since 1986	Tamil diaspora in Switzerland (head of research projet 2001-03); Tamil areas of India (PhD) and Sri Lanka (planning phase)	University of Berne, Institute for Ethnology	- Social change among Tamil refugees in Switzerland (focus on women); caste society (completed research). - Concepts and practices relating to health and illness among Swiss Tamil refugees (completed research). - Change of gender roles among Tamils in Sri Lanka. (research planned)	- Socio-cultural persistence among first generation Tamil refugees, who focus on return to a “Tamil Eelam”.	- Participant observation in Sri Lanka (Vanni, Jaffna, Colombo) 2006-	

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Katharina Thurnheer	kathrinth@bluewin.ch , kathrin.thurnheer@anthro.unibe.ch	2003 (experience in development activities in Sri Lanka since 2001)	Batticaloa, Eastern Sri Lanka	* Families who are living in camps and temporary shelters in Batticaloa town since the Tsunami, December 26, 2004. Close working relationship exist with the Women Coalition for Disaster Management – Batticaloa (WCDM) * Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Bern * KOFF	Doctorate in Social Anthropology “Life Beyond Survival. Description and analysis of daily life situation as experienced by women displaced due to Tsunami in war-affected Batticaloa, Eastern Sri Lanka” Priority Topics: - Coping and networking strategies of women in Tsunami-camps - Social life in the context of fragmentation related to war and natural disaster	- The importance of participatory, gender and conflict-sensitive approaches in disaster management cannot be overestimated. A longer-term perspective oriented at the restoration of livelihood means for men and women needs to accompany all interventions from an early stage and helps the people concerned to overcome their experience of loss and helplessness. - Rationales among stakeholders of humanitarian/development interventions can differ widely. ‘Beneficiaries’ need to be acknowledged as actors with own agendas and varying means of achieving their own goals.	Fieldwork: 07/2004-11/2004, 02/2005-10/2005. Data analysis and development of thesis: 11/2005-12/2008	- Challenges of communication and coordination among actors in the humanitarian/development sector, meaningful consultation with all stakeholders and transparency in planning and implementation of activities. - The continuation and active restoration of “daily life” experienced and undertaken by individuals living in camps. Strategies and networks involved in making sense of past and present experiences and opportunities.