

## 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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<b>Political Division IV (PD IV)</b> <a href="http://www.eda.admin.ch">www.eda.admin.ch</a>	<b>Martin Stürzinger</b> Programme Officer <a href="mailto:martin.stuerzinger(at)eda.admin.ch">martin.stuerzinger(at)eda.admin.ch</a>  <b>Sascha Mueller</b> Human Rights Adviser Embassy of Switzerland in Sri Lanka <a href="mailto:sascha.mueller(at)eda.admin.ch">sascha.mueller(at)eda.admin.ch</a>	1997 selective, since 2000/2001 intensively. From June 2003 until May 2008 Peacebuilding Advisor (PBA) Since May 2006 Human Rights Adviser (HRA)	SL: Colombo and Island-wide CH: Diaspora	* Whole of Government Approach: Swiss Medium Term Programme Sri Lanka 2010 – 2012 (mainly with SDC) * Bi- and multilateral donors and actors in Sri Lanka (Development Partners, Donor Peace Support Group Group etc.) * Various international and national NGOs	Switzerland sets two inter-related intervention priorities: -Interventions closely related to vulnerable groups in the aftermath of the armed conflict including their physical, social and economic rehabilitation and re-integration. -Initiatives addressing human rights issues, conflict transformation, main-tenance of peace and the rights of migrant workers. The engagements in these two components are mutually reinforcing and designed to complement each other. Joint advocacy and coordination for instance will encompass all interventions and initiatives conducted under the Swiss programme.	The previous Swiss Medium Term Plan for Human Security in Sri Lanka (2007-2009) encompassed conflict-related humanitarian relief and protection interventions, protection and promotion of human rights and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) initiatives, peace-building and conflict transformation interventions, rehabilitation activities including post-tsunami reconstruction and the support of durable solutions for IDPs involving mainly SDC and PD IV. A whole-of-government approach has been applied. Main lessons learnt are listed in the Swiss Medium Term Programme Sri Lanka 2010 – 2012.	The Swiss Medium Term Programme for Human Security in Sri Lanka 2010-2012 (SMTP II) provides the strategic orientation for the closely concerted interventions and initiatives of the Swiss Government in the field of relief and protection, return and rehabilitation, human rights protection and promotion, peace building and conflict transformation and migration-related challenges.	On the basis of the findings and results of a mid-term evaluation of the SMTP II programme planned in 2011, a debate on Switzerland's programme exit will be launched.

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<b>DFA - PD IV</b>  <b>Human Rights Policy Section</b>	<b>Martin Stürzinger</b> Programme Officer <a href="mailto:martin.stuerzinger@eda.admin.ch">martin.stuerzinger(at)eda.admin.ch</a>	spring 2003	SL: Colombo and Island-wide	* Whole of Government Approach: Swiss Medium Term Programme Sri Lanka 2010 – 2012 (mainly with SDC) * Bi- and multilateral donors and actors in Sri Lanka (Development Partners, Donor Peace Support Group Group etc.) * Various international and national NGOs	Promotion and protection of Human Rights (HR) and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Coordinated national and international advocacy and protection of HR and IHL including promotion of accountability. Enhance capacity and mitigate security risks of national HR actors / organizations and strengthen coordination among them. Strengthen national HR institutions and support initiatives that aim at the promotion and protection of HR and the strengthening of rule of law	Main lessons learnt are listed in the Swiss Medium Term Programme Sri Lanka 2010 – 2012.	Swiss Medium Term Programme for Human Security in Sri Lanka 2010-2012 (SMTP II).	On the basis of the findings and results of a mid-term evaluation of the SMTP II programme planned in 2011, a debate on Switzerland's programme exit will be launched.
<b>DFA - PD IV</b>  <b>Humanitarian Policy and Migration Section</b>	Jolanda Pfister Herren Deputy Head of section <a href="mailto:jolanda.pfister@eda.admin.ch">jolanda.pfister(at)eda.admin.ch</a>	middle of 1996			Refugees / IDPs Sri Lankan citizens in Switzerland / repatriation		No own projects in SL.	
<b>DFA - PD II</b> <b>Asia / Oceania</b>	Pierre-Yves Fux Senior Regional Coordinator <a href="mailto:pierre-yves.fux@eda.admin.ch">pierre-yves.fux(at)eda.admin.ch</a>  Yves Nicolet Deputy Regional Coordinator <a href="mailto:yves.nicolet@eda.admin.ch">yves.nicolet(at)eda.admin.ch</a>	May 2007  August 2009		- All Swiss Federal Departments - Other federal authorities (Parliament, Attorney General), etc.	* Bilateral demarches, multilateral interventions, official talks * Pursuit of track 1 activities * Internal coordination (external communication; security, visa, etc.)			Whole-of-Government Approach

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<b>Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)</b> <a href="http://www.deza.admin.ch">www.deza.admin.ch</a>  <b>Humanitarian Aid</b>	Roland Schlachter <a href="mailto:roland.schlachter(at)deza.admin.ch">roland.schlachter(at)deza.admin.ch</a>	* 90s: Rehabilitation of the Health sector infrastructure * Since 2003: Post-conflict rehabilitation programme * 2004/2005: Tsunami: Emergency response, Post tsunami rehabilitation	* North East  Island wide	* ICRC, WFP, IFRC, UNHCR, Unicef, Caritas, TdH- Lausanne, FSD, SAH, AISPO,  local NGOs, namely ESCO, PRED0, Parcic and several others,  * SDC Offices: Cooperation Office Colombo, Field Offices Jaffna, Matura, Trincomalee	- Humanitarian aid for IDPs, victims of natural disasters and conflicts - Food aid (WFP), - IDP return - Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Schools and hospitals in North- - Cash for Housing Jaffna -  Hygienic Promotion (TdH) Solid Waste Management (SAH) Well Cleaning for explosive equipment (FSD) Technical mine survey (FSD) Community water supply project (ESCO)	The joint Swiss approach proved to be successful in developing effective interventions and initiatives. Non-project interventions such as donor co-ordination, advocacy and agenda setting achieved good results. A sound understanding of the context is a pre-condition to correctly read the political, economic, social and cultural landscape, in which interventions are taking place.	SMTP 11 has been drawn up for the period 2010-2012	To prioritise while IDP still remain camps; some have been returned and are staying with host families and others are returning to their places of origin Rehabilitation Various needs and wants to be met
<b>SDC</b>  <b>Development Cooperation / Regional Cooperation, South Asia</b> <a href="http://www.deza.admin.ch">www.deza.admin.ch</a>	Frank Wiederkehr <a href="mailto:frank.wiederkehr(at)deza.admin.ch">frank.wiederkehr(at)deza.admin.ch</a>	There has been an engagement in different areas for the last 20 years. The engagement of the SDC regional cooperation in Sri Lanka comes to an end by December 2010.	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. Programme ends December 2010. * Contribution to NGOs: Helvetas and Swisscontact receive yearly contributions to their programs of CHF 1'200'000.-. * Support of a private television station (YATV) for the production of a television program about the peace process. Project ends May 2010 * Swiss Embassy supports chosen applications for aid. Ends 2010	1) While project in Conflict Transformation and Peace Building could not be carried out in the prevailing political context in SL, the DPSL project showed a certain degree of success although only at very local level.  2) The project was adapted towards a peace building project whereas vocational training and agriculture are used as entry points	Phase out in 2010	

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<b>SDC</b>  <b>Development Cooperation / Global Cooperation, Global Programme Migration</b> <a href="http://www.deza.admin.ch">www.deza.admin.ch</a>	Barbara Affolter <a href="mailto:Barbara.affolter(at)deza.admin.ch">Barbara.affolter(at)deza.admin.ch</a>	Programme currently in planning stage, will start in 2010	Jaffna  Sri Lanka	Durable solution for IDP  Strengthening rights of migrant workers, fostering reintegration policy, empowering female unskilled migrants				
<b>Federal Office for Migration (FOM)</b> <a href="http://www.bfm.admin.ch">www.bfm.admin.ch</a> <a href="http://www.asyl.admin.ch">www.asyl.admin.ch</a>	Christoph Erismann <a href="mailto:christoph.erismann(at)bfm.admin.ch">christoph.erismann(at)bfm.admin.ch</a>  Anne-Marie Eberhard 031 / 325 98 83 <a href="mailto:anne-marie.eberhard(at)bfm.admin.ch">anne-marie.eberhard(at)bfm.admin.ch</a>	ca. 1982		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		Continuing monitoring of the situation	Adequate consideration of individual threat profiles

## Swiss Non-Government Organizations

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<b>Caritas Switzerland</b> <a href="http://www.caritas.ch">www.caritas.ch</a>	Bettina Iseli <a href="mailto:biseli@caritas.ch">biseli@caritas.ch</a>	Since 1988 Before 1988 support of asylum seekers and refugees in Switzerland. 2004 - 2008 operationally active. Since Mai 2009 active in Emergency Aid for IDPs and Rehabilitation activities.	Trincomalee, Polonnaruwa and Jaffna	Local diocese Caritas in Trincomalee, Anuradapura and Jaffna, coordination via national Caritas SEDEC.  Caritas network in Europe and overseas	* Emergency assistance and integrated reconstruction	* 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 49 core houses.	
<b>Centre for Peacebuilding (KOFF), swisspeace</b>  <a href="http://www.swisspeace.ch">www.swisspeace.ch</a>	Christine Schenk <a href="mailto:christine.schenk(at)swisspeace.ch">christine.schenk(at)swisspeace.ch</a>	2001		EDA, PAIV KOFF-member NGOs Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies RNCST	*Information exchange *Analysis *Networking *Strategy planning		*Roundtable discussions, networking and information platform activities  *Clarifying and facilitating a coherent and comprehensive Swiss "peace strategy" in SL	*How to build a better and more coherent "peace constituency" among Swiss actors? *How to purposefully integrate the Diaspora in the conflict transformation work?

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<b>Elisabethenwerk des SKF (Schweizerischer Katholischer Frauenbund)</b>	Damaris Lüthi, 041 / 226 02 28 <a href="mailto:ew(at)frauenbund.ch">ew(at)frauenbund.ch</a>	2010	Tamil areas of Sri Lanka	Palmyrah Switzerland and Sri Lanka	Trauma rehabilitation		2 year programme for training of psycho-social counselors	
<b>Helvetas</b> <a href="http://www.helvetas.ch">www.helvetas.ch</a>	Christian Oswald Country desk, <a href="mailto:Christian.oswald(at)helvetas.org">Christian.oswald(at)helvetas.org</a>  Esther Marthaler <a href="mailto:esther.marthaler(at)helvetas.org">esther.marthaler(at)helvetas.org</a>	Helvetas since 1978 (Oswald since 2001)	Island-wide with focus on east coast	Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies, Centre for Human Rights and Development, Transparency International Sri Lanka,	Human Rights & Reconciliation,)	* 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	* Phasing out per end of 2010)	
<b>Palmyrah</b>	Nathalie Peyer c/o Fachstelle Migration, <a href="mailto:palmyrah(at)gmx.ch">palmyrah(at)gmx.ch</a>	1983/84	Jaffna Peninsula, Ampara, Central Province, Vavuniya	OeME and Fachstelle Migration of the Reformed Churches of Bern-Jura-Solothurn Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India (CSI)	* Empowering marginalized people from the tsunami hit and tea plantation areas through nine 'Free Schools' for children and eleven Vocational Training Centers for women from poor background. * Contribute to peace building through Trauma Work: the local coordinator, Thaya Thiagrajah is a PhD holder in Trauma Counseling. For Palmyrah she does secondary counseling for local NGO workers, working with the IDPs, as well as train new counselors.	Trauma- or psycho-social work in broader terms is the need of the time. Through their trauma people in the war-torn areas are hopeless, depressed and discouraged. According to our coordinator the younger generation will become very violent as this is the only way they know.	Maintaining the education projects. Concentrating on Trauma Work: Train potential women to become counselors in a six months course to work as psycho-social consultants in the respective areas.	Trauma work is only possible in a trustful, quiet environment, which is at the time not given.

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<b>SAD Swiss Academy for Development, Biel/Bienne</b> <a href="http://www.sad.ch">www.sad.ch</a>	Ruveni Wijesekera, Project Manager <a href="mailto:wijesekera(at)sad.ch">wijesekera(at)sad.ch</a>	“Sport & Play for Dialogue” SAD Since 2006 (Wijesekera since 2008)	Monaragala District	Sarvodaya Shanti Sena (2006-2008)  Future Peace (from 2009 onwards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The program is piloted among selected Sinhalese and Tamil villages in the Monaragala district in order to assess the effectiveness of sport as a tool for conflict transformation and to strengthen inter-community dialogue/reconciliation.</li> <li>* Guided team sport activities for children/youth are used for bottom-up conflict transformation.</li> <li>* Children are taught to deal with differences and conflicts in a non-violent manner; fair play, team work and respect for the other are developed.</li> <li>* Provide capacity building for local partner in using sport for conflict transformation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A local partner organisation that is keen on profiting from a mutual learning process and ready for a real partnership and joint conceptual work and implementation are essential criteria for testing sport &amp; play as a tool in conflict transformation.</li> <li>* It is best to pilot the project in a region not usually considered a conflict ‘hotspot’ in order to test the feasibility of the use of sport in strengthening inter-community reconciliation.</li> <li>* A more limited/smaller geographical area allows for focussing more on the qualitative aspect of the project implementation as well on the evidence based approach in evaluating the effectiveness of sport &amp; play in conflict transformation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Lessons learned, good practices and recommendations for field implementation will be passed on to other relevant actors.</li> <li>* Replicate and scale up the approach in other districts of Sri Lanka, including “hot spot” conflict areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* How effective is sport &amp; play in promoting a constructive dialogue among children and youth (from conflicting parties)?</li> <li>* How do the participating children and youth serve as “entry points” for gradually involving their parents and key stakeholders of the communities in the dialogue processes?</li> <li>* How could the project move from the individual/personal level to the socio-political level?</li> <li>* What are the limits of sport ? And how should the project/activities best be designed and implemented?</li> </ul>

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<b>SAH Internationol</b> <a href="http://www.sah.ch">www.sah.ch</a>	Barbara Gruner <a href="mailto:Barbara.gruner(at)sah.ch">Barbara.gruner(at)sah.ch</a>  Debora Neumann <a href="mailto:debora.neumann(at)sah.ch">debora.neumann(at)sah.ch</a> (Vertretung Barbara Gruner bis Ende Juni)	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 & habilitation after Tsunami  Development of sustainable livelihoods in tsunami and war affected communities. Agriculture/Forestry/Fisher environment  (Working in conflict)	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Move as fast as possible from relief to development.</li> <li>* Physical construction of tsunami affected areas.</li> <li>* Well cleaning. Simultaneously mobilize communities to develop sustainable livelihoods.</li> <li>* Include aspects of peace-building through North-South exchange</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Working in LTTE controlled areas with parallel structures of government.</li> <li>* How to deal with stigmatization of politicians?</li> <li>* General lack of infrastructure and local capacities (local personnel, local NGOs) due to 20 years civil war.</li> <li>* High dependencies due to long-term relief programs. Lack of initiative, high level of patron-client structure</li> </ul>
<b>Service civil international, Swiss Branch</b> <a href="http://www.scich.org/">www.scich.org/</a>	Theres Bärtschi Haider <a href="mailto:info(at)scich.org">info(at)scich.org</a>	Since 1950s	Office in Kandy, where activities are organised from.	Service civil international Sri Lankan Branch	Organisation of work camps and internships of 3 to 12 months, voluntary work open to everybody			
<b>Swisscontact</b> <a href="http://www.swisscontact.org">www.swisscontact.org</a>	Ruedi Nützi <a href="mailto:ruedi.nuetzi(at)swisscontact.ch">ruedi.nuetzi(at)swisscontact.ch</a>	03.2008	Kurunegala District	Institute of Growth Concepts (IGC), Pottery associations and local public administration (Divisional Secretariats)	Improvement of economic and social well being of the Clay-pottery producers of selected villages by introducing new pottery-kilns	Priority needs to be given to social and entrepreneurial development of families prior to technical development	Social inclusion activities through exposure visits and sector specific entrepreneurship training	Building self confidence and bringing a group of secluded people into a normal community. To what extent will the community accept people of low caste?
		01.2000, 2008 Phase IV	Ampara and Batticaloa Districts	Strategic alliance with Helvetas to implement "Development & Peace" mandate of SDC. Local NGOs (Sewalanka, PPDS, SOWSA, SEEDA) and Divisional Secretariats	Improve livelihoods of youths with sustainable income generating activities as an entry point for peace building and build local capacities and facilitate interaction for conflict transformation in rural communities	Working with government institutions to strengthen existing systems in line with project that results in a sustainability and good governance	developing social, as well as technical competence, and short term action plans with the public sector for organisational development	Working together with all ethnic and religious groups, and building the capacity of the public and local NGO organisations

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		06.2007	Ampara and Batticaloa Districts	Direct implementation with Divisional Secretariat (public) coordination	Improve the economic and social wellbeing of directly and indirectly tsunami affected families, contributing to the long-term development and “build back better” of Tsunami affect areas	The importance of taking a holistic approach to family social improvement, (livelihood and social)	Family Livelihood Plans (FLPs)	Breaking the mentality of dependency. Working against the flow of giving free, obtaining contribution from beneficiaries
<b>Swiss Foundation for Mine Action</b> <a href="http://www.fsd.ch">www.fsd.ch</a>	Nigel Robinson FSD Programme Manager, Sri Lanka <a href="mailto:srilanka(at)fsd.ch">srilanka(at)fsd.ch</a>	Summer 2002	North and East Sri Lanka	AusAID Gov of Japan US State Department ECHO Gov of Germany SDC  IOM NRC	Mine action interventions including survey, manual and mechanical clearance, community liaison and EOD in support of the Government of Sri Lanka programme of IDP return.	IDP return is happening faster than mine clearance can take place and therefore community liaison has become a critical activity to ensure the continued protection of the returnees	*FSD employs 619 local staff in Sri Lanka and aims to maintain this capacity, along with 4x MV-4 flail machines and 1xD* Caterpillar Heavy Roller system. *GOSL predicts that 'Emergency' clearance will continue through 2010 and 'High Priority' clearance will continue until the end of 2011. 75,000 IPDS remain to be resettled *Operations will continue in Mannar, Vavuniya and Mullaittivu districts	Increase local management and technical knowledge in order to ensure a sustainable demining capacity for Sri Lanka  Raise the necessary funds for project continuation  Ensure safety of returnee communities until demining occurs
<b>Swiss Refugee Council (SRC)</b> <a href="http://www.sfh-osar.ch">www.sfh-osar.ch</a>	Rainer Mattern <a href="mailto:rainer.mattern(at)sfh-osar.ch">rainer.mattern(at)sfh-osar.ch</a>	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.

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<b>Swiss Red Cross Tracing Service</b> <a href="http://www.redcross.ch">www.redcross.ch</a>	Nicole Windlin Head Tracing Service <a href="mailto:tracing(at)redcross.ch">tracing(at)redcross.ch</a>			ICRC Sri Lankan Red Cross	Restoring Family Links Missing Persons in Sri Lanka			
<b>Swiss Solidarity/ Chaîne du Bonheur/ Glückskette</b> <a href="http://www.swiss-solidarity.org">www.swiss-solidarity.org</a>	Rahel Specht <a href="mailto:specht(at)bonheur.ch">specht(at)bonheur.ch</a>	Since 1992 financing projects linked with the peacebuilding process  Since December 2004, support of emergency, rehabilitation and reconstruction after tsunami  Beginning in 2010 financing of projects supporting IDPs in the Vanni region following the army offensive in 2009	Southern, Eastern and Northern Provinces	Various Swiss NGOs (currently still: Caritas, Terre des hommes Lausanne, Swiss Labour Assistance, Co-operaid, Handicap International; previously: Helvetas, ADRA, Swiss Red Cross, Medair, Swisscontact, HEKS)	Emergency assistance, rehabilitation and reconstruction after tsunami and currently IDP support following the army offensive in 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Do no harm and conflict sensitive approach</li> <li>* Quality management, project cycle issues</li> <li>* Coordination between stakeholders</li> <li>* New partners</li> <li>* Adapting to a new environment</li> <li>* Adapting to changing government rules</li> <li>* Large scale communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* tsunami projects phased out almost entirely, only few consolidation projects ongoing.</li> <li>* some funds reserved for support of IDPs in the north and north east (for further relief activities and possibly also rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in favour of returnees –decision currently in suspense)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Adapting to government changing rules</li> <li>* Selecting good, viable and durable projects</li> <li>* Monitoring a large number of complex projects</li> <li>* Coordination between our operational partners</li> <li>* Working closely with other donors</li> <li>* Clarification of procurement issues</li> <li>* Communication to the public of rational use of emotionally-donated funds</li> </ul>
<b>Terre des hommes</b> <a href="http://www.tdh.ch">www.tdh.ch</a>	Nathalie Praz Asia Area Manager <a href="mailto:nathalie.praz(at)tdh.ch">nathalie.praz(at)tdh.ch</a>  Mai Groth Desk officer Asia <a href="mailto:mai.groth(at)tdh.ch">mai.groth(at)tdh.ch</a>		Batticaloa and Ampara District, Vavuniya, Vanni		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Strengthening existing programmes as well as launching new programmes in war-torn regions</li> <li>* Projects oriented towards children in the field of Mother and child health/Nutrition/Wash and Protection.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Linking emergency projects with long-term development projects</li> </ul>	Last phase of the post tsunami projects in the East. New projects starting first in Menik farm then in the Vanni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Implement projects in a changing and insecure context.</li> <li>* Find good local partners</li> <li>* Secure funds for the North</li> </ul>

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<b>Stiftung Tamils Aid (STA)</b> <a href="http://www.tamilsaid.ch">www.tamilsaid.ch</a>	Shanmugathan Subramaniam  <a href="mailto:info(at)tamilsaid.ch">info(at)tamilsaid.ch</a>	2005	Northern and eastern provinces in Sri Lanka	STA Solidarity Foundation, Sri Lanka (registered STA branch in Sri Lanka) ORHAN, Sri Lanka (well established local NGO)	* War or natural disaster affected children and elderly (homes, preschools, nutrition projects, etc) * Rehabilitation of handicapped	Establishment and registration of our branch in Sri Lanka can bring new project and funding opportunities.	* consolidate existing programme for children and elderly * create centers for rehabilitation of war affected people (artificial limbs, training opportunities & financial support to attain professional income sources or livelihood)	Win donors in Switzerland who are ready to contribute substantially to our handicapped rehabilitation projects in Sri Lanka.
<b>World Vision Switzerland</b> <a href="http://www.worldvision.ch">www.worldvision.ch</a>	Cornelia Fischer <a href="mailto:c.fischer(at)worldvision.ch">c.fischer(at)worldvision.ch</a>	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.	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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		Since	Regions	Partner Organizations	Priority Topics	„Lessons learned“	Medium-term Planning	Challenges & Questions
<b>Damaris Lüthi</b>	<a href="mailto:damaris.luethi@unibe.ch">damaris.luethi(at)lorraine.ch</a>	Sri Lankan Tamils: 2000, before that occasionally since 1984; Indian Tamils since 1986	Tamil diaspora in Switzerland (head of research project 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-	
<b>Katharina Thurnheer</b>	<a href="mailto:thurnheer@anthro.unibe.ch">thurnheer(at)anthro.unibe.ch</a>	Since 2004: PhD research project “Life Beyond Survival. Coping in post-tsunami, war-affected Batticaloa”	Batticaloa, Eastern Sri Lanka	Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Bern	- daily life situations of tsunami-displaced families living in camps and temporary shelters - gender-relationships in the aftermath of disaster and in the context of post-tsunami aid - social processes of coping amidst destruction, outbreak of war, and international aid	- The relevance of kinship practices in coping with losses and insecurity - the intertwining of (gendered) categories of aid and strategies of the “beneficiaries”	Fieldwork periods: 2004 – 2009 Submission of thesis: Spring 2011	
<b>Bart Klem</b>	Bart Klem <a href="mailto:bart.klem@geo.uzh.ch">bart.klem(at)geo.uzh.ch</a>	Doing research in and on Sri Lanka since 2000	Island-wide  Primary focus on the Eastern Province  Some knowledge of the Vanni and Jaffna.	- University of Peradeniya, Kandy. - Southeastern University, Oluvil. - Eastern University, Chenkalady.	- War to peace transition. - Political developments. - Government’s development efforts. - Dilemmas of aid, conflict sensitivity.	- Present development efforts are an exercise of state power and a means of consolidating the position of the present regime. - AF are adopting themselves to peace-time conditions, with possible extensions in the economic and the political realm.	Working on PhD. Research (war to peace transition in eastern Sri Lanka).  Research in the east from January to May 2010.	Challenges: Present political climate and restrictions and suspicions towards foreign involvement with Sri Lanka. Political climate and lack of space for people to voice their views