Corporate Services Scrutiny Sub Panel (Overseas Aid Review)

Jersey Overseas Aid Commission - Reply to further written questions

Disaster and Emergency Relief Funding

1. Does the JOAC use the emergency aid funds to address conflict emergencies, or mainly natural disasters?

Each emergency is treated on it's own merit regardless of cause. In 2003 and 2004 applications were mainly in respect of natural disasters with approximately 25% being spent on applications arising from human conflict. In 2005 and 2006 all applications were in respect of natural disasters. The panel may also wish to note that emergency aid for 2007 has been allocated to natural disasters.

Information on all grants awarded over the past five years can be noted in Appendix 1.

Grant Aid Funding

 It has been suggested that the Commission's relatively new policy of providing three year funding should be extended to provide long term funding for specific projects.

Please provide the Sub Panel with your views on this suggestion.

The Commission would like to continue to assess the success of the three year funding policy. The Commission would consider an extension of the funding period if more funds were available and after consultation with the agencies. Such consultation was carried out with the three year proposals.

Current three year funding is based on a single project running over a three year period, not three year funding allocated to an agency to undertake various projects over a three year period.

The Commission would look at longer term projects on the same basis as it's current three year projects providing further funding was available and that the application fits within the Commission's current criteria. The Commission would also look at the amount and overall commitment over the five year period and the call on it's limited funds. It should be noted at the present time the Commission has no shortage of one year projects.

a. Is the Commission satisfied with the accuracy of the feedback received from the NGO recipients of grant aid?

Yes. Agencies are subject to their own internal controls and inspections and to external audit. There have been occasional breakdown in controls and where there have been questions, money has been refunded.

b. What mechanisms do the Commission use to report this information locally?

A number of reports are included in the Commission's annual report. At the start of each funding round copies of all chosen projects together with a number of executive summaries of projects covering water, primary healthcare, education, family planning, housing and income generation are provided to the local media which give rise to various articles and interviews.

Local Charities

4. The JOAC's Explanatory 2006 Booklet states:

Grants will be on the basis Jersey Charities shall be able to apply for more than one grant per year, however funding will only be considered for different projects affecting different communities.

It has been suggested to the Sub Panel that it would be of greater benefit if funding could be provided based on a partnership approach with local charities, to aid long term sustainability.

Please provide the Sub Panel with your views on this suggestion.

The Commission has already begun to review it's policy on £=£ funding and has appointed the Sub-Committee for Community Work Projects to review this type of funding together with material grants both of which are targeted for applications to be submitted by local charities/organisations working overseas.

- 5. Section 3.2 (iii) of the JOAC's 2006 Explanatory Booklet states:
 - a. working closely with the private and voluntary sectors

and...

b. encouraging and supporting recognised local bodies engaged in overseas aid

Please provide the Sub Panel with information explaining how the Commission meets these objectives.

The Commission encourages local charities by the availability of the grants and that they can apply directly to the Commission which always has an open door policy. The Commission draws the Panel's attention to section 7.1 and 8 of the 2006 explanatory booklet.

6. It has been suggested to the Sub Panel by a number of witnesses that the Commission should rethink its current policy of limiting £ for £ grants to local charities working overseas to £3,500, to create greater links between the Commission and local fundraisers.

Please provide the Sub Panel with your views on this suggestion.

There exists already very strong links between JOAC and the local agencies. To increase the amount would not in itself achieve greater links. The Commission considers that the fundraising by local groups is an important part of raising public awareness of overseas aid needs and getting local people involved. JOAC does not engage in fundraising see 8.5 of the 2006 explanatory booklet.

7. How many Jersey-based charities have graduated to the list of organisations eligible for grant aid? Does the JOAC think that the criteria for making this leap are well enough understood within the Jersey charitable community?

Two. Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust and Bush Hospital Foundation. Generally speaking the Commission believes that a number of local based charities do not have the infrastructure to graduate to the list of organisations as standalone agencies eligible for grant aid. Both Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust and Bush Hospital Foundation are the main agencies without any parent body in the UK. Durrell is an international renowned agency and Bush provides leverage of multi-million pound funding through the release of donated drugs through its direct association with Direct Relief International. Any locally based charity or smaller UK based charity is allowed to seek funding which is openly available through one of the approved agencies listed in the booklet as outlined in our standard letter (Appendix 2). Indeed this has been the case where a local charity 'Kenya Widow and Orphans' as recently as last year successfully received funding through an application supported and presented to the Commission by Tools for Self Reliance.

Yes. The Commission is confident in it's policy but always prepared and available to meet a local body of a UK charity and a representative from the parent body to discuss future projects.

Composition of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission

8. The Jersey Overseas Aid Commission (Jersey) Law 2005 states that:

In making recommendations for appointment to the office of Commissioner the Chairman shall use his or her best endeavours to ensure that the Commissioners shall be a diverse and balanced group of people in terms of gender, age, experience and skills, who share a commitment to the promotion of the objects of the Commission.

Are you happy that this section of the Law is being adhered to?

Yes. All vacancies are advertised and all appointments made on the recommendation of the panel consisting of the Chairman of the Jersey Appointments Commission, the Greffier of the States and the Chairman of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission.

- 9. It has been suggested to the Sub Panel that there should be a maximum term of office for both States member and non-States member Commissioners.
 - i. Please provide the Sub Panel with your views on this suggestion.
 - ii. In your opinion, what should be the maximum term of office for Commissioners?
 - iii. Should there be a distinction between the maximum term of office for States member and non-States member Commissioners?
- i) The appointment for non-States Commissioners is for up to three years and the appointment of States members is for their term of office in the States.
- ii) The maximum term of office is three years however the Commissioners have assumed your question is asking how may terms of office. If that is the case, then the Commission feel a maximum of three.
- iii) No, unless in the event that the States members term of office changes. The non-States members should remain at three years as it is already firmly established that every year a new three year term is appointed.
- 10. Do you believe that there should be greater emphasis placed on at least one non-States member Commissioner having extensive active overseas experience?

This is a matter for the interview panel to take into account; such experience in itself would not necessarily make that person a good Commissioner.

Accountability of the JOAC

11. As you are aware, there is currently a conflict between the law establishing the Commission and the Public Finances Law, meaning that there is some doubt as to the financial accountability of the Commission.

What would be your preferred way forward to amend this anomaly?

The Commission has been aware of the problem for some time which has been looked into by various officers of the States. The Commission has this week received the Auditor General's report and the matter will be discussed by the Commission at it's next meeting.

Issues raised during the JOAC's attendance at the Public Hearing

12. Please clarify whether the statement made at the Public Hearing on the 7th February reflects the view of all Commissioners.

The Commissioners who attended the Scrutiny Panel Hearing on the 7th February were aware of the personal statement made by the Chairman and did not raise any objections.

13. During the Public Hearing you made the following statement:

"In 2005, the previous Overseas Aid Committee responded to this with a grant of £500,000 to be administered through the Red Cross; side-by-side, launched a public appeal to assist communities in Sri Lanka and all funding, to my understanding, has been distributed only to government areas. The committee at the time responded directly to those areas not getting aid on the east coast as confirmed by 2 Sri Lankan native consultants of our Jersey local hospital. Again, the committee was concerned at accountability, questioning with one of our UK-based agencies, further to reports, that money was being handed over to government officials in order that aid would be distributed. We had that confirmed by Oxfam; they paid £1 million to get their trucks into Sri Lanka. Without the £1 million they could not get their trucks in."

Can you confirm that no local charities whatsoever were involved in giving the sum of £1 million as referred to in your statement?

The Agency involved that paid \$1,000,000, not Sterling, was Oxfam (please note submitted evidence Appendix 3). The Commission provided funding of £500,000 as stated to the British Red Cross to administer. The other funding from the Commission was to two local

charities working overseas. Whilst no funding from the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission was sent to Oxfam for this emergency, the Commission can not confirm whether other funding raised in the Island was used for this purpose.

14. You clearly have concerns over the capabilities of some locally run charities. What efforts have the Commission made to inform and assist these local charities in overcoming your concerns?

The Commission as far as possible gives feedback on applications and reports received so that local charities can be more successful in the future.

15. During the hearing you stated that the minutes for every meeting you have are open to public scrutiny, and that quite recently the public can see how every member has voted. The only information available on your website at present is contained in the annual report. Would it be possible to post minutes for JOAC meetings on your website or are there other ways of making information on grants approved available more easily?

The Minutes are produced by the States Greffe and are available from the States Bookshop in the same way that all other Ministerial meeting minutes are available.

16. During the Public Hearing, Senator Perchard asked for information on how the charities on the JOAC's main list have changed over the last few years. Can that information be provided to the Sub Panel?

Comparison has been drawn from the list of agencies supported by the former Overseas Aid Committee in 2000 to those currently supported. Since 2000 thirteen of the then supported agencies have been withdrawn from the list due to consecutive unsuccessful funding rounds and the keen competition from other agencies to be accepted. Twenty three other agencies have been added to the list which now totals sixty-five, either through the nature of their work targeting new areas of funding. For example, 'Basic Needs' targets specifically mental health, or by working in partnership through an already established agency for a number of years before and then become a standalone agency, for example TB Alert as previously mentioned at the public hearing. The latter like all new agencies must provide positive reference from the supporting agency to the Commission before consideration is given (Appendix 4). The current list of the agencies supported can be found in Appendix 5. Those agencies which have been added to the list since 2000 have been highlighted.

Additional Evidence Request

Correspondence dated 2nd March 2007 from Senator Perchard stated 'Scrutiny is an evidence based process, and we therefore cannot use information that makes assertions without being provided with evidence to substantiate such claims.'

Evidence to substantiate the following statements made during the Commissions attendance at the public hearing can be found:

"On page 3 of the transcript you make reference to a local charity which was deferred funding due to lack of accountancy information." Please see Appendix 6;

"On page 4 of the transcript you make reference to another local charity trustee, and an investigation from the country's Minister of Health." Please see Appendix 7; and

"On page 4 of the transcript you make reference to a situation where a charity paid \$1 million to get their trucks into Sri Lanka." Please see Appendix 3.

JOAC Jersey Overseas Aid Commission APPENDIX 1

2007 ALLOCATION OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY AID TO DATE

| £25,000 | Oxfam | Severe flooding | Jakarta |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| £25,000 | Farm Africa | AWD Outbreak | Ethiopia |
| £25,000 | Save the Children | Severe flooding | Mozambique |
| £25,000 | World Vision | Severe flooding | Mozambique |
| £25,000 | UNICEF | Severe flooding | Mozambique |
| £25,000 | Oxfam | Severe flooding | Zambia |

2006 ALLOCATION OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY AID CONTINUED

| £25,000 | Practical Action | Severe drought | Kenya |
|---------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| £25,000 | Oxfam | Severe drought | Kenya |
| £25,000 | Plan International | Severe drought | Kenya |
| £10,395 | MAF | Famine | Tanzania |
| £25,000 | Christian Aid | Severe drought | Somalia |
| £25,000 | Christian Aid | Severe drought | Ethiopia |
| £25,000 | UNICEF | Severe drought | Ethiopia |
| £25,000 | UNICEF | Severe drought | Somalia |
| £25,000 | Global Care | Severe drought | Ethiopia |
| £25,000 | Global Care | Severe drought | Northern Uganda/Sudan |
| £24,140 | SCF | Severe flooding | Mozambique |
| £20,000 | World Vision | Cholera outbreak | Angola |
| £25,000 | Christian Aid | Earthquake | Java |
| £25,000 | Plan International | Earthquake | Java |
| £25,000 | Oxfam | Earthquake | Java |
| £25,000 | Oxfam | Earthquake | Tajikistan |
| £25,000 | Farm Africa | Severe floods | Ethiopia |
| £25,000 | Tearfund | Severe floods | Ethiopia |
| £25,000 | AMREF | Severe floods | Ethiopia |
| £25,000 | Plan International | Severe floods | Niger |
| £19,178 | Concern | Severe floods | Bangladesh |
| £25,000 | Oxfam | Typhoon | Philippines |
| £25,000 | Christian Aid | Typhoon | Philippines |
| £25,000 | CAFOD | Severe floods | Kenya |
| £25,000 | Global Care | Severe floods | Kenya |
| £25,000 | SCF | Severe floods | Kenya |
| £25,000 | Plan International | Typhoon | Philippines |
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£648,713 TOTAL

2005 ALLOCATION OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY AID

| £500,000 | Jersey Asia Appeal - Special Vote - Tsunami |
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| £25,000 | Save the Children Fund – flooding in Venezeula |
| £24,969 | Save the Children Fund - winter storms in India |
| £25,000 | Plan UK – locust invasion in Niger |
| £25,000 | Concern – famine in Niger |
| £25,000 | Oxfam - locust invasion in Niger and Malawi |
| £25,000 | Plan UK - floods in Pakistan |
| £19,359 | Tearfund – floods in India |
| £25, 000 | Concern – drought in Zambia |
| £25,000 | Oxfam – famine in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi |
| £25,000 | One World Action – famine in Malawi |
| £17,457 | One World Action - Hurricane Stan in El Salvadore |
| £25,000 | Oxfam - Asian earthquake in Pakistan |
| £25,000 | UNICEF - Asian earthquake in Pakistan |
| £25,000 | Plan UK - Asian earthquake in Pakistan |
| £25,000 | Plan UK – famine in Malawi |
| £25,000 | Christian Aid - Hurricane Stan in El Salvadore |
| £886,785 | TOTAL |
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2004 ALLOCATION OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY AID

| £23,840 | Tearfund – provision of shelter, food, medical assistance and warm clothing following flooding in Peru |
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| £24,750 | World Vision- provision of blankets, tarpaulins and kitchen sets to those displaced by violence following civil unrest in Uganda |
| £23,500 | Save the Children Fund – provision of personal hygiene kits, water purification equipment and mosquito nets for those affected by flooding in Brazil |
| £8,148 | Mission Aviation Fellowship – supporting aid by air for those communities cut off by cyclones in Madagascar |
| £25,000 | British Red Cross – provision of shelter, water, sanitation equipment and chemical pesticides to prevent malaria and other water borne diseases following flooding in Namibia |
| £25,000 | Oxfam – provision of clean water to communities following civil unrest in Haiti |
| £25,000 | Concern – provision of basic seeds and planting tools following civil unrest in Haiti |
| £25,000 | UNICEF – provision of essential supplies to prevent outbreak of disease and malnutrition following civil unrest in Sudan |
| £25,000 | Save the Children Fund – provision of mosquito nets, children's clothes, baby soap and nappies following flooding in Haiti |
| £25,000 | Oxfam – urgent improvements to water sanitation and hygiene promotion following the displacement of those affected by civil unrest in Sudan |
| £3,625 | Mission Aviation Fellowship – transit of building materials to remote areas affected by the cyclones in Madagascar |
| £24,850 | Tearfund – provision of shelter to children seeking protection from the risk of attack and abduction following civil unrest in Uganda |
| £21,387 | Tearfund – emergency sanitation intervention to those camps recently demolished following civil unrest for the internally displaced in Sudar |
| £25,000 | Tearfund – supply and distribution of food and emergency materials to those affected by flooding in India |
| £25,000 | Intermediate Technology Development Group – provision of food, water, medical supplies and flood assistance to those affected by flooding in Bangladesh |

2004 ALLOCATION OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY AID CONTINUED

| £20,098 | Save the Children Fund – provision of warm clothing for vulnerable children and livestock medicines in response to severe weather conditions in Peru |
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| £24,775 | Impact – for the supplying and distribution of food supplies and emergency materials including water purification equipment as a result of severe flooding in Bangladesh |
| £25,000 | One World Action – supply and distribution of emergency food supplies to those affected by severe flooding in Bangladesh |
| £20,000 | Save the Children Fund – provision of temporary shelter and clothing to those children affected by flooding in India |
| £25,000 | Plan – provision of food, medicine, tents, cooking pots and utensils following floods in Nepal |
| £25 ,000 | British Red Cross – part contribution towards the purchase, transportation and distribution of food packs and family kits, shelter material and other basic health supplies following flooding in Nepal |
| £25,000 | British Red Cross – part contribution towards the purchase, transportation and distribution of food packs and family kits, shelter material and other basic health supplies following flooding in India |
| £25,000 | Care International – provision of agricultural seeds to commence immediate production to support livelihoods together with the installation of tube wells and household materials following floods in Nepal |
| £16,500 | Just World Partners – provision of food, medical supplies, clothing and temporary shelter to families left homeless following the typhoon in the Philippines |
| £25,000 | British Red Cross – provision of emergency food, household kits, shelter and clothing to communities affected by Hurricane Ivan in the Caribbean |
| £25,000 | Save the Children Fund – provision of essential equipment for the protection and care of children and young people affected by Hurricane Ivan in the Caribbean |
| £25,000 | UNICEF – provision of water and sanitation equipment and essential medical supplies to those communities affected by Hurricane Ivan in the Caribbean |
| £22,182 | World Vision – provision of equipping anti-locust brigades with sprayers, approved pesticides, kit protection and fuel to combat the locust plague in Senegal |

2004 ALLOCATION OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY AID CONTINUED

| £25,000 | Tearfund – provision of improved shelter and sanitation to communities following civil unrest in the Congo |
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| £23,944 | World Vision – provision of motor driven pumps to draw water for six villages affected by drought and locusts in Niger |
| £25,000 | UNICEF – provision of water, sanitation, medical supplies and evacuation centres following tropical storms in the Philippines |
| £15,345 | Just World Partners – provision of relief work to 12 tribal minorities some of which were amongst the poorest and most disadvantaged groups affected by the severe weather conditions in the Philippines |
| £22,490 | Save the Children Fund – to improve the living conditions and to protect children affected by flooding in Colombia |

£745,434 TOTAL

2003ALLOCATION OF DISATER AND EMERGENCY AID

| £9,703 | Mission Aviation Fellowship – provision of blankets and clothing due to extreme weather conditions, Bangladesh |
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| £23,000 | Christian Aid- provision of emergency food supplies, Ethiopia drought |
| £25,000 | Oxfam - emergency food assistance programme, Mauritania drought |
| £25,000 | World Vision - provision of essential drugs, Ethiopia drought |
| £25,000 | Mission Aviation Fellowship - provision of emergency food and drug supplies, Sudan famine |
| £24,003 | World Vision - provision of essential supplies to internally displaced people, Uganda border conflict |
| £25,000 | Mission Aviation Fellowship - provision of essential medical supplies to internally displaced people, DR Congo conflict |
| £25,000 | World Vision – provision of blankets, mosquito nets and tarpaulins, Kenya Floods |
| £25,000 | British Red Cross - provision food and shelter items, Ethiopia floods |
| £24,546 | Plan International – provision of food, Ethiopia famine |
| £25,000 | UNICEF – provision of water, sanitation, health and nutrition, Iraq conflict |
| £25,000 | Tearfund – provision of water and emergency food supplies, India drought |
| £25,000 | Oxfam - provision of emergency food supplies, Kenya drought |
| £20,113 | Helpage – provision of emergency medical, food and shelter, Kenya floods |
| £24 ,414 | Tearfund – provision of essential utensils and food items, Uganda border conflict |
| £25,000 | Global Care - provision of emergency relief provisions, Uganda border conflict |
| £25,000 | Plan International – provision of food and emergency shelter, Sudan floods |

2003ALLOCATION OF DISATER AND EMERGENCY AID CONTINUED

| £25,000 | Ockenden – provision of market shelters and business grants, Sudan floods |
|-----------------|---|
| £25, 000 | Save the Children Fund – distribution of water and promotion of medical, sanitation and hygiene, Liberia civil unrest |
| £25,000 | CAFOD – distribution of food, shelter items and essential drugs, Liberia civil unrest |
| £25,000 | Tearfund - provision of essential food supplies, household kits and medical supplies, India floods |
| £25,000 | British Red Cross – provision of Cholera treatment centres, raising awareness and improving water provision, Congo |
| £25,000 | Leprosy Mission – provision of emergency food, water and essential survival kits and hygiene equipment, Uganda border conflicts |
| £19,664 | Mission Aviation Fellowship – provision of blankets and clothes for those suffering from the cold due to extreme weather conditions, Bangladesh |
| £25,000 | UNICEF – provision of shelter, medical supplies, basic clothing and hygiene materials, Iran |
| £25,000 | Save the Children – provision of shelter, medical supplies, basic clothing and hygiene materials, Iran |
| £25,000 | Oxfam - provision of water and sanitation equipment, Iran |
| £30,576 | UNICEF (special vote) - provision of shelter, medical supplies, basic clothing and hygiene materials, Iran |

£690,500 TOTAL

JOAC Jersey Overseas Aid Commission

APPENDIX 2



Jersey Overseas Aid Commission

From: Kathryn Filipponi
Executive Officer
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Date

Dear

The Jersey Overseas Aid Commission receives many requests for information and indeed specific applications from agencies which are unknown to us. It would take a considerable amount of administrative time to deal with these on an individual and specific basis, as most applications are from relatively small agencies carrying out work in fields that we already support, although may be not in the areas that the agencies specifically operate. The applications for funding from our existing agencies far exceed the funds made available to Overseas Aid, with so many excellent projects refused for lack of funding. The existing competition for funding is very keen.

With reference to your recent enquiry I am attaching a copy of our explanatory booklet and its amendments which cover many matters including policy, criteria, and administration. I would particularly draw your attention to section 4 which deals with grant aid, and 4.3 and 4.4 which deal with those agencies and individuals who might seek to have projects funded by the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission.

We deal mainly with principal agencies as explained and listed in the booklet and request smaller agencies etc. to approach them to see if they would support any of their projects which fulfil our criteria requirements. It would be up to the principal agency to include the project in their applications to the Commission and to be responsible to the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission for the monitoring of the project and controlling its funding. You would be obliged to go through this route and not make a direct application to the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission.

I trust you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Kathryn Filipponi Executive Officer

JOAC Jersey Overseas Aid Commission APPENDIX 3



06, Nallur Cross Road, Jaffna 17.03.2005

Dr.S.Himayakanthan, Patron, Island Friends Together, Jersey,

Dear Sir;

Thank you for you fax dated 12.03.2005.

The Govt of Sri Lanka is imposing several restrictions on the Inflow of funds for Tsunami affected area. Indirectly, the Gove is trying to curtail funds send to Northern Province for reasons known to the world. Reference to Rotary club, this is also treated as a N.G.O and hence the utilization of fund is restricted.

In order to overcome this situation, we wish to propose the followings.

- I. We ,the members of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka Northern Centre would act as a consultant to your project to help the TSUNAMI affected people in the North.
- II. As consultant, we would investigate & propose feasible projects in consultation with local leaders & Govt officers.
- III. Detail designs, Bill of Quantities & Estimate for the projects will be submitted to you by us.
- IV. Once a project is selected, we would again provide our services in adopting standard practices in selecting a contractor to construct the work.

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- V. The contract will be signed between the contractor and you or your nominated representative here. You may give the Power of Attorney to me personally to my name if you trust me
- VI. During the progress of the works, payment will be certified by us.
- VII. You will make payment directly to the contractor's Bank Account here.

It you need any clarification; please do not hesitate to ask us.

Kind Regards, Yours in Service,

Chairman

C/C:Prof: V.Navaratnarajah - for information only.

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To Fax Number:

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Attention:

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Subject: Oxfam in Sri Lanka

Dear Jacqui

in response to the rumours circulating Jersey I am pleased to provide some information, which hopefully will give you a clearer picture of the current situation.

Oxfam met with the Finance Minister from Sri Lanka at the end of July to discuse the issue of the tax paid on the 25 vehicles recently imported into Sri Lanka to facilitate Oxfam's teunami program.

David Crawford, Head of Oxfam in Sri Lanks said.

"The meeting was extremely fruitful and, subject to the submission of the details of the Oxfam tsunami projects, we are confident that we will have a positive outcome regarding the return of the money paid on the vehicles.

The Sri Lanken government made it clear that they value the role played by the main international agencies such as Oxfam and will continue to work closely and positively with us in the future.

in Sri Lanka Oxfam has helped nearly half a million people affected by the tsunami. We are working with community groups to deliver clean water and good sanitation, as well as longer-term projects such as shelter and rebuilding peoples' livelihoods.

Oxiam's work has expanded substantially in Sri Lenka after the teunami hit the coastline. The vehicles were essential for our work in ensuring we can reach the pocrest communities over rough terrain and bad roads."

As soon I have confirmation that money has been re-paid to Oxfam for emergency relief work I will be touch.

With best wishes

Juliet Chaimers

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in response to the rumore circulating both Jersey and Guernesy I am pleased to provide some additional information, which will hopefully give you a clearer picture of the current situation in Sri Lanks.

Firstly, let me clarify the current status of duty paid by Oxfam to the Sri Lankan Government on 25 vehicles imported to help us with our work during the Tsunami response. Oxfam initially resisted paying the vehicle duty, however, it was an operational imperative to have vehicles to deliver the programme. However, we made our disagreement on this payment public and the Sri Lankan Government via the High Commission contacted Oxfam to apologie for the situation. The Government has promised to repay Oxfam in full. Oxfam is hoping that this matter will be resolved shortly.

Onto the issue raised in Kathryn's email of paying additional funding to Government Officials in Sri Lanka. Oxfam has a strict policy of not paying Government officials.

Moreover, we have 20 years experience in Sri Lanka and we are officially registered as an international NGO with an official agreement or 'memorandum of understanding' with the Sri Lankan Government (no montes were exchanged). This agreement enables Oxfam to work in country, independently and free from Government intervention.

We have well established relationships with ministries such as the National Water Board and work along side them - eventually handing over our facilities to them (water tanks etc...). We have been training young water engineers locally in the aftermath of the taunami. Working in this way promotes sustainability and transparency in our activities.

In terms of our geographical spread - Oxfam has been working for 20 years mainly in the north and east [mainly Tamil areas] - allocating our resources based on where the need is greatest. We opened up in the south [Government areas] in response to the devastation of the Teunami, which damaged a staggering 70% of the coastline.

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I have included a map of where Oxfam currently has offices so you can see at a glance where we are placed.

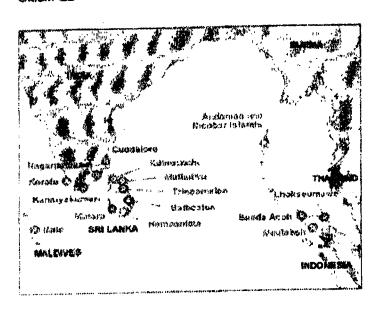
Hope all of the above helps to clarify our work - thanks for the chat this lunchtime - good to know that you think Oxfam is to be admired!

Really looking forward to meeting you all next Tuesday - hope the tube strikes don't interfere with your travel plans.

With all good wishes

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Juliet Chalmers Trusts Manager Oxfam GB



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FROM: Deputy Jacquellust

Tel 720783 05 JAN 2006

Letter to the J.E.P. Editor

In reply to Mr Le Quesne's letter regarding
Tsunami and given to oxfam. Is money well spent 040106 the aims of J.O.A are.

TO BE non-political non-racist non-religious non-sencist

To Provide reduction of poverty medical health and education effective education and training safe drunking water and food.

To assist in emergency or disaster needs, including the subsequent restoration of facilities.

Upon reading the Le Quesne's letter I was very pleased thinking that Oxfam must have received back the use I million as called tax they had to pay the Sri Lanka government on the 25 venicles they imported to facilitate their townami programme in order for them to reach the poorer communities over rough terrain - bad roads.
I cheked but this was not so, Cx fam has still not received the Money back they are Still in discussion with the Sri Lanka Government this discussion has been ongoing for many many months. Maybe they will be lucky

The question I ask

should the Public Support Agencies who pay the so called tax to governments, in order for that Agency to help people in need in all areas.

should they support Agencies who don't have to pay the so called tax. If the Agency are willing for their aid is be directed by the Sri Lanka government and to only go to certain Great.

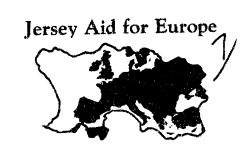
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TSUNAMI AID "FINALLY" GETTING TO EAST COAST BUT YOU HAVE HAD TO PAY TO GET IT IN.

Dear Editor,

With reference to your article in Mondays post I can verify Deputy Huet's comments. Whilst the Red Cross are correct that aid is now getting through to the east coast of Sri Lanka, it has only just happened over the last 2-3 weeks, prior to which most aid was going to the South, because of its close proximity to Colombo. I am also reliably informed that the north is still suffering from little assistance.

However I can categorically state that since 6th February AID HAS BEEN TAXED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON ARRIVAL. Up until last Friday charities had to pay £500 (often negotiated from £1,500) to release containers in Colombo port. Smile international, whom Jersey Aid For Europe are working through in Sri Lanka, presently have 3 containers in port (and 4 more arriving soon) which Government officials have been holding until tax is paid. Further to this there has been an article in the Sri Lankan press in which the Government threatened to auction the goods if the tax was not paid. An alternative being offered is that the Government was prepared to "deliver" the goods whereupon no tax is applied. Unfortunately, I have heard first hand of an aid container seen last week being unloaded into retail premises, so nobody is convinced of the intentions of the government.

It is only as a result of pressure put on the Government that the situation has now improved. This has only changed last weekend at which point there were approximately 100 containers being held at the docks.

I understand a Scottish reporter from the Inverness Chronicle assisted in this change of policy by reporting the issue to the Scottish media with a large article headed up "Aid held at Ransom".

The Sri Lankans are in desperate need of assistance, but the importance of working through a trusted organisation in foreign parts cannot be emphasised enough.

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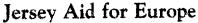
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Anyone interested in visiting Smile International's website can see the work they are carrying out in Sri Lanka on www.smileinternational.org or contact me and I will forward their newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman.

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Subject :

RE: FW: RE: Hima

Hi Hima,

I have returned to Australia and am no more heading up the diaster management unit.

However, Siva (a senior consultant from Australia) is involved together with Chandru anthem you could get all the necessary support information for your initiatives.

I have copied them this email. You could contact them at the Colombo TRO office and lia

My thoughts on the information you are seeking are as follows:

The government is more concerned about centrally controlling all Tsunami diaster manager do not have the capacity to understand the needs at the district levels. Particularly the affected areas of the North-East. North-East have had over 65% of the total Tsunami important areas have been severally affected government s bureaucratic infrastructure in the Tamil areas have been severally affected 2 decades of war and no consideration have been made to address this concern. Hence, no made centrally in colombo results in any meaningful outcome in Tamil Areas.

LACK of agreement between the LTTE and the Government of Sri Lanka is also a major public the rehabilitation and reconstruction of long term nature must be made on a solid polic platform. Inconsistancy in policies in government controlled areas and LTTE controlled . causing major problems.

The Government is pre-occupied with the in fighting between various southern political | who are trying to win the hearts of the southern voting masses and there is a natural to for the political elites to be addressing the needs of the Southern people at the expen. Tamils.

The conflict environment also helps the racially motivated people in the south to engamischieve making.

Corruption in Sri Lanka is out of control and people in power are in a rush to make the the Taunami response. They are initiating measures that will enable them to control the all side.

The south was benefiting more from the government relief afforts and the north was more dependent on the initiatives of non-government organisations (NGOs) such as TRO and International NGOs. However, the government has taken full control of all the activitie these organisations by various measures including heavy taxation of relief goods. These obviously do not afect the government.

Only two weeks ago (after 5 weeks since tsunami) the government announced that only 30% recopie received any government benefits and they were going to do something about this not announce the make up of this 30%. It could be 5% in the north-east and 60% in the semanting to 30% over 10% ove amounting to 30% overall.

Hope the above will help you with your case.

I am sorry I could not respond to the numerous requests you made to me earlier during t) of disaster management. This was due to the pressures I was under and nothing personal.

impossible to support the request of all those concerned tamils from all parts of the wi assure you that TRO was able to respond to the needs of the people who were at the camp extreamly weel under the circumstances prevailed.

Kind Regards

Naren

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subject: FW: RE: Hima

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Subject: FW: RE: Hima

Sent: 03 March 2005 07:06:11

Hima)

Hi,

I desperately need help in replying this e-mail as an urgent matter, PLEASE !!

Can someone give me an urgent reply as to what I should mention. Remember, Jersey gave 2 million sterling pounds i of the red cross 3 weeks ago, part of which would have reached Ceylon by now II Please also remember that Jersey O Committee has agrreed to give me more funding on a annual basis it So please don't let them lose thier confidence in matter !! The Tamil Television network sadiy cannot prepare a short video clip in english !! This is their real weakness propaganda reaches onle the people who watch Tamil Television !!

I have already started my single handed project in building a school in Kallappaadu. More to come. But my role in this very rich Island is very crucial II Please help me.

Hima.

>From: "Diane Simon" <DSimon@jerseyeveningpost.com>

>To: "siva hima" <stvahima@hotmail.com>

>Subject: RE: Hima

>Date: Wed, 2 Mar 2005 17:15:12 0000

>Dear Hima,

> Tomorrow, Deputy Jacqui Huet president of the oversess Aid Committee is doing a story in the JED saying she is concerned the relief supplies are not getting through to the north and east of Sri Lanka despite the head of the Red Cross in the UK saying those relief supplies are not getting through to the north and east of Sri Lanka despite the head of the Red Cross in the UK saying those

not true. >Will you be prepared to comment from the information you are receiving and give me some idea in simple terms why there is a >T believe she is contacting you tonight. on the part of the government to send aid there. Is it because that is the main area where the Tamilis live?

>Thanks for your help when do you go there?

>Best wishes, Diane

> > > > From: siva hima

> > Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2005 22:37 PM

> > To: Diane \$imon

> > Subject: Hima

> > HI Diane,

> > Do you still have those papers I gave you ? I need some of them, Particularly the ones indicating the price of the houses to you have them, please could you post it to me.

> > Many thanks,

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Kathryn Filipponi

Jo Pogonowska [JoP@tlmew.org.uk] From:

Sent: 01 November 2006 15:05

To: filipponi-joa@jerseymail.co.uk

Cc: fundraising@tbalert.org

Subject: Reference.

To: Kathryn Filipponi.

The Leprosy Mission England, Wales the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man has been very happy to put forward partnership applications on behalf of TB Alert to the States of Jersey Overseas Aid Commission in the 2004. 2005, 2006 and 2007 funding rounds.

Successful TB Alert applications via TLM were:

Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation - Tuberculosis control in remote areas

Increasing the capacity of the Nav Jivan TB programme.

LAMB - TB outreach work. 2005:

Improving TB diagnostic capacity at Emmanuel Hospitals Association (EHA) hospitals, 2006: Northern India.

TB Active Contact Tracing, Mzimba district, Malawi.

One of our current applications for 2007 (Zambia Tuberculosis and Leprosy Trust Mazabuka prison community project) is also put forward in partnership with TB Alert. We are delighted that they have been accepted on to the list of Jersey accepted agencies, and have no hesitation in recommending them to you. We have found them to be open and helpful in providing information, and reports and information have always been received on time as requested. Monitoring of projects has been consistent and thorough. I would be willing to give further information with regards to our partnership on request.

regards

Warren

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LIST OF AID AGENCIES CURRENTLY SUPPORTED

Acord

Action Aid

AMREF (African Medical and Research Foundation)

Basic Needs

British Red Cross

Bush Hospital Foundation

CAFOD (The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development)

Cambodia Trust

Care

Childhope

Children in Crisis

Christian Aid

Concern

CORD

CRY

Disability and Development Partners

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust

Education Action International

Everychild

Farm Africa

Global Care

Habitat for Humanity

Hands Around the World

Helpage International

Homeless International

Hope and Homes for Children

Impact

International Childcare Trust

International Planned Parenthood Federation

Landmine Action

Leonard Cheshire Foundation

Lepra (The British Leprosy Relief Association)

Leprosy Mission

Marie Stopes International

Medicins Sans Frontieres

Mercy Corps

Merlin

Mines Advisory Group

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Ockenden

One World Action

Opportunity Trust

Orbis

Orphaids UK

Oxfam

Plan International UK

Practical Action

Reason Partnership

SAMS (South American Mission Society)

Save the Children Sense International Sight Savers International SOS Sahel Sound Seekers Sue Ryder Care

Target Tuberculosis

TB Alert

Tear Fund

Tools for Self Reliance

Toybox

Uganda Society for the Disabled UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)

VetAid

VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas)

Water Aid

World Vision

In addition JOAC supports a number of Jersey Agencies under its Local Charities Working Overseas Scheme.

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Kevin Daly
Help and African Schoolchild
P O Box 716
St Helier
Jersey
JE4 0PY

16th February 2000

Transmission by Fax - 852944
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Dear Kevin

Grant 2000 Decisions

The Jersey Overseas Aid Committee met on Tuesday to allocate grants for 2000 and deferred consideration of your projects as we are still awaiting the financial information requested in my e-mail to you dated 15th January 1999. The Committee is also reviewing its policy on support for local charities at its meeting in April when it will also reconsider your application. This should in fact give you time to produce audited accounts, which I should be grateful if you could let me have by 31st March at the latest.

Yours sincerely

L R Crapp Honorary Executive Officer

- (a) BRITISH RED CROSS would be invited to submit an additional two applications for consideration under 2000 grant aid in due course;
- (b) OXFAM's application would be reconsidered alongside others for additional grant aid funding in 2000;
- (c) UNICEF's application in respect of the 'land mine awareness' would be reconsidered alongside others for additional grant aid funding in 2000;
- (d) FAUNA & FLORA's application would be deferred pending the Committee's consideration of its policy relating to such agency applications for grant aid;
- (e) LEONARD CHESHIRE FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL's application regarding a 'mobile clinic' would be reconsidered alongside others for additional grant aid funding in 2000;
- (f) LEPROSY MISSION's application regarding mozambique would be reconsidered alongside others for additional grant aid funding in 2000;
- (g) VETAID's applications would be reconsidered for grant aid funding in 2000;
- (h) CRY's application would be reconsidered for grant aid funding in 2000;
- (i) MINES ADVISORY GROUP's application regarding Sudan would be reconsidered alongside others for additional grant aid funding in 2000;
- (j) SUE RYDER FOUNDATION's grant aid application for Kosovo, as recommended, would be removed from grant aid funding and transferred to the Kosovo Disaster Special Fund;
- (k) UKFSP's applications in respect of Beekeeping in Samoa and materials for forestry/agricultural projects in Kiribati, would be reconsidered for funding pending further information;
- (1) CINCI WA BABILI's application was deferred pending consideration of the grant aid funds received by the applicant in 1999 (see Act A3 of this meeting); and,
- (m) HELP AN AFRICAN SCHOOLCHILD's application was deferred pending the Committee's policy review for local grant aid applications. The applicant had also been requested to provide a copy of the last available unaudited accounts, which had yet to materialise.

Financial Report as 31.12.99 and 08.02.00. 730/1/3(121) A4. The Committee, with reference to its Act No. 2 dated 29th November 1999, of the Committee as previously constituted received and considered its financial reports as at 31st December 1999, and 8th February 2000.

The Committee, having noted the year end financial report 1999, indicating the unspent balances of £200,000 against its Kosovo Disaster Fund and £30,881 against Grant Aid, approved the following transfers accordingly:

T.O.S. C.I.Aud. F.E.C.C. JOA

Jersey Overseas Aid

Our Ref. 730/98

From: Leslie R Crapp

Honorary Executive Officer La Botellerie Rue de la Botellerie St Ouen Jersey JE3 2HL

By Email tetekela@cinergy.co.uk

Kevin Daly Esq. **HELP AN AFRICAN SCHOOLCHILD**P O Box 716

St Helier

Jersey

JE4 0PY

15 January 2000

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for a copy of your 1998 accounts from which I note there has been a substantial decline in your reserves. Would you please give me a statement of your current position in the form of an unaudited draft balance sheet at 31 December 2000.

With regard to your applications would you let me have the 6 line summaries as set out in the Committee's procedures by the 28th January so that they can be included in the applications to be considered at the committee's meeting in February.

Yours sincerely

Our Ref: 730/98

10 February 1999

Kevin Daly Esq.

HELP AN AFRICAN SCHOOLCHILD
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Transmission by Fax This page 1 of 2

Dear Kevin

The Jersey Overseas Aid Committee met last Friday to allocate grants for 1999. Once again the general quality of the projects submitted were of a very high standard making the committee's decisions very difficult ones knowing that so many projects could not be funded due to lack of resources. The committee allocated grants totalling in excess of £2.6m but in doing so they were unable to fund a further £2.5m. of applications.

The committee again allocated the funds available purely on their considered merit and to give a broad cross-section of relief over health, education, poverty, food and water, and a geographical spread. Agencies will find that the amounts granted do not necessarily follow the same level of support as previous years, projects have to match up to the competition for the committee's restricted funds.

Your project was presented to the committee and I have to inform you that it was unsuccessful and no grant was awarded. The committee do not normally give reasons for turning down applications as the task would be enormous and it is quite difficult to differentiate between some applications which have to be turned down due to lack of funds. However in your case it was felt that to be fair to you it would be helpful if I made some comment.

Firstly it is a large sum for a small organisation and the committee have always steered away from being a substantial financer of any organisation, and this also encourages them to seek other funders thus spreading the net. The Committee also looks at the general backing of the organisation not only in financial terms but also their strength in personnel, and here it is noted that there are only three trustees. Whilst I have not received your trust accounts for a little while I may be presumptuous in feeling they would not really give comfort to the trust's abit to take on the large projects you are envisaging.

Virtually all the applications that the Committee receive are for extremely worth while projects but what really distinguishes some agencies is the effectiveness and long term sustainability of their projects particularly but not exclusively the larger projects. We noted your project was directed towards street children which is an area which the committee is addressing and this year saw a substantial increase in applications in this field from our existing agencies and other specialist agencies which the committee are now funding.

I wish you well in your endeavours to help the less fortunate.

Yours sincerely

Leslie R Crapp Honorary Executive Officer

Please copy all correspondence to: Committee Clerk, Overseas Aid Committee, Morier House, Halkett Place, St. Helier, Jersey C.I. JE 1 1DD

Please regard this as the only correspondence sent, there is NO original to follow.

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Kathryn Filipponi

From:

Jacqui Huet 👑

Sent:

25 January 2007 15:57

To:

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filipponi-joa@jerseymail.co.uk

Subject:

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From:
To:

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Subject:

> hi jackie, happy new year from kenya, i attended agm in jersey ed > me hezron was there they were critical of joa hez said it stemmed back to > wanange school he just thought that the reason joa did not give them funds > was because of personalities you and him. two years ago on my return to > jersey from kenya after visiting port florence hospital i expressed my > reservations to ed that it looked more like a commercial set up than a > project for the nedey he assured me that a percentage would be treated > free. i met hez at christmas and he was complaining re lack of support > from jersey when guernsey were giving him substancial support. i did not > enter into any discussion nor did i discuss the support i have recieved. > the ed le quesne clinic has expanded enormously they have 3 outreach > clinics per week but it is difficult to guess wheather it is helping the > needy or treating paying patients. i have learned a lot about kenyans this > trip every one of them are out to make money.the running costs for the > foundation is 130,000 pounds per year so i can only assume that is is more > a commercial venture than a project to help the poor. hez told me that he > is the only one making an impact and some of our work has little impact > schools ect. please contact me if you would like me to pay a special visit > to all his projects in kisumu , otherwise i will delite your email from my > list .see you in april regards jim

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Hallo Dave and Betty,

Thank you so much for your Prayers and good wishes. Can you imagine that our Lord answered your prayers and I have now fully recovered. Let us also thank Him for seeing us through from 2006 over to 2007. Let his name be Glorified.

INVESTIGATION RESULTS - HEZRON MCOBEWA

I took my time to carry out a thorough investigation of Hezron and his Clinics. Hezron has received substantial support from J.O.A, some corporate Organizations in Jersey and the general population of Jersey. Hezron meant well for Kenyans from his area/region. He started very well and we cannot condemn him in everything. However, somewhere down the line he converted most facilities to private use or at least to commercial use. In a few cases however, particularly the very poor, he has given valuable medical help. This however cannot be said about his Assistants who normally capitalize on our desperate Health situations to make money. There is one exceptional period:— The recent heavy rains have caused excessive floods in Hezron's area and they continue to do so now. This time round his Clinical staff have done a fair job helping people with needed medical supplies. But the overall project is viewed more as a private business than a Community Institution.

If you so wish I can tell an official of the Ministry of Health to do a Technical report. It wont be a very good report because they say the rating is just 30% for a community Project funded by donors

PALA PROJECTS.

Enclosed are documents for the school and Water projects at Pala. Pala is near our Unity Group Farm and it is a pity when I pass there almost daily to see children learning in dilapidated classrooms with jiggers on the floors. Children drinking dirty - green water from the two wells nearby. Children suffering from bilhazia and cholera. Children with scabies because of dirty water. It is a situation Dave, that can make you shiver with disbelief and make you wonder whether it is a different world we are living in. I pass there and pause to ask God if he can help. And believe me I find the answers in you.