



SRI LANKA RED CROSS SOCIETY

### CONCEPT PAPER

<b>Project Title:</b>	Sri Lanka Red Cross Response to Easter Terrorist Attacks in Sri Lanka
<b>Sector:</b>	Disaster Management Humanitarian Values
<b>Project Goal:</b>	Enhance overall wellbeing of the Victims of Easter Sunday terror attacks and their family members.
<b>Project Objectives:</b>	<b>Output level:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure the family links are reestablished through interventions</li><li>• Support victims their family members with the immediate needs</li><li>• Prevent escalation of stress related symptoms, prevention of PTSD.</li><li>• Support the families of the dead for healthy grieving process.</li><li>• Support for further needs of the victims and their immediate family members.</li></ul>
	<b>Outcome level:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhance overall wellbeing of victims of Easter Sunday Terror Attacks and their family members.</li><li>• Support longer term recovery of the affected population (direct and indirect) while facilitating resilience.</li></ul>

**Project Description:**

The death toll of the Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka has risen up to 290 as at today morning, and the number of wounded has been reported up to 500. Among the wounded and the dead there were several foreign citizens.

On hearing of the blasts and the mass casualties, Sri Lanka Red Cross Society immediately asked its network of blood donors to donate blood. As of today morning, through it is difficult to assess the longer and mid-term needs of the affected individuals and their family members, RFL (*Restoring Family Links*) and PSP (*Psychosocial Support*) remain at the top among the currently identified needs, and have shown a clear tendency of increase in coming days. Besides that, the psychosocial needs usually tighten after the emergency phase and, they need to be properly address in order to accelerate the process of healthy recovery of not only the direct victims but also their relatives and the close circle.

Taking the psychosocial impact of the event in to serious consideration- loss death and grief- SLRCS plan to implement a full range of psychosocial support interventions targeting both direct and indirect beneficiaries, aiming at both immediate/ short term response and longer term recovery needs.

Hence, *Sri Lanka Red Cross Response to Easter Terrorist Attacks in Sri Lanka* constitutes of chronologically aligned top down activities in the emergency phase, bottom-up activities designed participatory with the communities for the recovery phase, and capacity building interventions for preparedness in order to enhance community resilience.

SLRCS will use optimum capacity available at the branch level (Volunteers, Branch Disaster Response Teams) and also would remain open to act in close collaboration with public and cooperate actors.

<b>Project Activities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RFL-</b> Restoring Family Links- Processing tracing requests, exchanging RCRC messages, provide IDD facilities (<i>for the victims of foreign nationalities</i>)</li> <li>• <b>PFA-</b> Psychological First Aid- Provide psychological first aid for the family members of dead and wounded, and for directly affected persons.</li> <li>• Conduct <b>Recreational Activities</b> for the children who lost their parents/ guardians as a therapeutic intervention for enhance psychosocial wellbeing.</li> <li>• Form <b>Self-Help groups</b> with people who are affected and facilitate them to share their experience and support the process of venting.</li> <li>• If the immediate needs of the victims or their family members still remain unmet, SLRCS plan to <b>Provide Immediate Need</b> as a Post PFA activity.</li> <li>• If the victims or their family members are required to be referred to specialized services SLRCS will <b>Refer</b> them to the relevant Service Providers.</li> <li>• SLRCS aims to provide <b>Cash Grant</b> for in support of either dignified burials, or religious rituals of loved ones, or livelihood recovery.</li> <li>• SLRCS will follow up the beneficiaries with periodic <b>Family Visits</b> throughout the recovery period.</li> <li>• SLRCS also will conduct an in-depth <b>Assessment</b> for designing a longer term Multidimensional recovery program.</li> <li>• Support recovery needs of the survivors and their family members through six months.</li> </ul>		
<b>Dates/Duration:</b>	<b>Phase 01:</b>	6 weeks
	<b>Phase 02:</b>	12 weeks
	<b>Phase 03:</b>	12 weeks
<b>Venue/Location:</b>	Multiple locations: Colombo/Negombo and Batticaloa - In some cases, the activities can extend to other areas, if the family members of the dead or wounded are from other districts.	
<b>Impact:</b>	Enhanced overall wellbeing of the Victims of Easter Sunday terror attacks and their family members.	



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<b>Accountability Mechanism:</b>	<p>SLRCS will establish a suitable complaint mechanism for the beneficiaries as well as for the stakeholder, and also a focal person will be appointed as case manager to address the complaints channeled through the complaint mechanism.</p> <p>At the end of their response, SLRCS will share, progress, challenges and lessons learnt report with the stake holders including the donors. SLRCS will share with the donors a comprehensive financial report that details the disbursement of the funds.</p>		
<b>Monitoring:</b>	<p>SLRCS will monitor the activities on regular basis through field observation, family visits and the project reporting system, and will report back to the donors on regular basis.</p>		
<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	<b>Direct</b>	<b>M: 600</b>	<b>F:550</b>
	<b>Indirect</b>	<b>M: 3200</b>	<b>F: 2800</b>
<b>Constrains and Challenges:</b>	<p>There can be changes in the initial activities specially the ones that are planned with the beneficiaries- self-help groups, recreational activities, and the activities designed to meet immediate needs, as at this moment, the situation remain fragile and it is difficult to assess the evolution of needs. However, the donors and the partners will be regularly updated on potential changes.</p>		