

Meeting the Psychosocial needs
of
Tsunami victims

Gaps in Responses

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Scope of the presentation

- Sri Lankan perspectives
- Observational, qualitative
- Holistic and evolving
- Focus on Pre, Tsunami and Post Tsunami

Gaps in Responses

- What is the desired Response in meeting needs?
- What was realised/likely to be realised?
 - Target groups
 - Services
 - Organisation
 - Management
 - Policy
 - Resources

Are needs of target groups being met?

- Victims of the disaster direct/indirect
- Existing mentally ill
- Care givers/service providers
- Long term disabled

What is the scope of psychosocial services?

- Focus: psychological
psychiatric
psychosocial
(human social welfare approach)
- Distribution: Access
age
geography
vulnerability

How are the services organised?

- Specialised or general services
- Institutionalised or adhoc
- New programmes or integrated to existing programmes
- Culturally sensitive or universal programmes
- Evolving- emergency, short, intermediate, long term services
- Community or institution based
- Services by central or local agencies

How realistic are the policies?

- What is the likely hood of implementation?
 - ownership- state, ministry, committee, local public services, community
 - sponsoring agency- extent of authority
 - strategy-focused and targeted
 - resources- manpower, other

Are the resources used optimally?

- Mobilisation- local, national, international
- Matching- expertise, programmes, funds
- Sustainability- plan to continue programme on a long term basis