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
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• What is the desired Response in meeting needs?

• What was reliaed/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