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Consultant Plastic Surgeon
2 Children - Dinal and Varuni

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL STATUS

MBBS, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sri Lanka, Colombo - 1969
Masters in Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, USA. - 1975
Fellow of the College of Community Physicians, Sri Lanka. - 2007

WORK HISTORY AND JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

2007 to date
Assignments

- Consultant to the office of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation and Ministry of Justice.
- Advisor, National Child Protection Authority (NCPA).
- NCPA nominee on the UNSC 1612 Sri Lanka Task Force on children affected by armed conflict. This included strengthening mechanisms within government institutions including the National Human Rights Commission, the National Child Protection Authority to monitor child rights violations in relation to the conflict in Sri Lanka. Policy guidelines were developed in relation to the Rehabilitation of Child Combatants, Implementation of rehabilitation programmes and preparation of the special gazette in relation to such children which was issued in December 2008.
- Advisor to the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Development.
- Initiated the establishment of protection centres for children in camps for Internally Displaced Persons during the aftermath of the escalation of violence and the final stages of the conflict in May 2009. This was undertaken in collaboration with the College of Pediatricians and the NCPA.
- Provided technical support to The National Task forces on the subject areas of Children Affected by the Conflict and the Trafficking of Children and Women set up in the Ministry of Child development and Women's Empowerment.

2005/2007

- Consultant to ILO. Preparation of a report on the Development of Time Based Programmes on the Worst Forms of Child Labour, for ILO / IPEC Colombo.
- Study undertaken to determine Health indicators related to implementing CEDAW/for the Centre for Women's Research, Colombo and UNIFEM.
- Contributed to the report published by the Centre for Women's Research on engendering the MDG's.
- Chairperson National Child Protection Authority (NCPA).
- Developed policy framework for Community Based Strategies for Tsunami affected children who had lost both parents.
- Chairperson NEHA Trust Fund for Tsunami affected children.
- Executive Director South Asia Womens Fund.
- Consultant to Sri Lanka Peace Secretariat on children affected by the conflict with special reference to the forcible recruitment of children as combatants.

2003/2004

- Provided technical consultancy services to the United Nations Organization on Drugs and Crime/Regional Office (UNODC), New Delhi, and the Dangerous Drugs Board, Colombo.
- Consultant to the UNFPA Colombo in relation to the Preparation of a report on Population and Development.
- Provided consultancy services to the Human Rights Centre, University of Sri Lanka, Colombo / Evaluation of Human Rights training for Law Enforcement Officers.

2003

Provided consultancy Service to the UNICEF office Colombo and regional office in Kathmandu on the following topics --

- Assessment of Child Abuse and Exploitation in Sri Lanka for the South Asia Regional Office of UNICEF in Kathmandu.
- Report on teacher shortages in conflict affected areas for the UNICEF Office, Colombo. This was used for advocacy with the Ministry of education to correct such shortages.
- Report on developing and implementing "Child Friendly Schools" for the UNICEF Office, Colombo. Subsequently this was adopted by the Ministry of Education and is being implemented.

1977 - 2003 National Professional Officer with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),
Colombo

1998 - 2003

- Planned and developed new programme thrusts in relation to Early Childhood Care and Development, Basic Education, HIV/AIDS prevention and control, Adolescent Health and initiatives in relation to the protection of children from abuse and exploitation.
- Developed programmes related to Child Protection with the Judiciary law enforcement Authorities, Probation and Child Care and the NGO sector.
- Initiated programmes related to Women's Rights, Gender equality and gender based violence.
- Innovative programmes introduced related to the establishing of "safety nets" at the community level for children of migrant mothers, the "Child Friendly School Concept", promotion of social protection through education using the non-formal education infrastructure to prevent Child Labour.
- Planned and implemented strategies related to an "Every Child in School" campaign particularly for conflict affected areas as part of a post-conflict initiative focused on education as a building block for peace. This also includes extension to other areas within the context of the Regaining Sri Lanka concept.
- Introduction of programmes on the Prevention of Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Abuse within the context of Life Skills Based Education through schools with the collaboration of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.
- Initiated "Youth Friendly Services" in the Health sector.
- Founder Board member, National Child Protection Authority.

1990 - 1998

- Liaised with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, preparation of the Children's Charter and the setting up monitoring systems.
- Appointed as a member of the National Committee on the CRC. Contributed to the preparation of the first, second, third and fourth (combined) country reports on the UNCRC as well as the report on the Optional Protocol on Children Affected by the Conflict.

- Planned and developed initiatives related to the implementation of CEDAW with special emphasis on gender based violence, with a special emphasis on health aspects.
- Developed community based public health initiatives related to Child Mental Health including Psych-social interventions for children living in conflict affected areas.
- Facilitated the effective implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and introduction of programmes on Gender Based Violence, particularly, domestic violence, rape and incest.
- Appointed a member of the Presidential Task Force on the Prevention of Child Abuse in 1997 to plan and develop the National Child Protection Authority, as an Act of Parliament.
- Planned and implemented HIV/AIDS and STI prevention campaign with special emphasis on adolescents and Youth and the prevention of mother-to-child transmission.
- Responsible for planning and implementing programme related to the Protection of Children affected by the Armed Conflict including the implementation of interventions on Health, Nutrition Education and Psycho-social. This covered the period from 1995 - 2000. This included the planning and implementation of National Immunization Day with the declaration of "Days of Tranquility" and "Corridors of PEACE for Polio Eradication" in collaboration with the President's Office, Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Health and Rotary.

1979 - 1990

- Responsible for the planning and implementation of the Health and Nutrition related Programme components of the UNICEF country programme executed by the Ministry of Health. These included Universal Child Immunization, Universal Oral Rehydration Therapy, promotion of Breast Feeding including the enactment of legislation on a Code to control the marketing of Infant Formula, the 'Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative' and the promotion of Growth Monitoring and related nutrition interventions. The Child Health Development Chart was introduced to Sri Lanka for the first time and made available to all infants and preschoolers. A plant to produce local ORS termed "Jeevance" was undertaken in collaboration with the State Pharmaceutical Corporation through the Family Health Bureau/ Ministry of Health.
- Child Mental Health initiatives were introduced as a component of Child Health. Key achievements included reaching Universal Child Immunization in 1989 in December, one year ahead of the global goal. The first plant to produce local ORS (JEEWANE) was established at the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Planning and implementing services for children affected by the conflict in the North, East also in the South. This was mainly focused on providing Maternal and Child Health Services.
- Responsible for collaborating with the Family Health Bureau / Ministry of Health and the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to introduce Maternal

Death reporting as part of the immunization coverage system set up from 1985 to attaining Universal Immunization. This was further developed later into a regular maternal death audit.

1977 - 1979

- Responsible for the implementation of the Family Health Component of the UNFPA Country Programme, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. This was executed by UNICEF. The main programme areas included the provision of Maternal and Child Health Services with Family Planning as an integral component. Other components were the setting up of Estate Family Health using mobile services, promotion of Nurse Midwifery Education, Family Health Education and urban health for families living in slums and shanties in Colombo.
- Responsible for the implementation of the UNICEF assisted programmes in Health and Nutrition which included Expanded Programme on Immunization, Maternal Health, Infant and Young Child Nutrition, Promotion of Child Health in Estates, Urban Slums and promoting of Primary Health Care in New Settlements (Mahaweli II area).
- Collaborated on the development of Nutrition policies through the Food and Nutrition Policy Planning Division, of the Development Planning Unit of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Planning.

1977 - 2003

Undertook short term consultancies at the UNICEF Regional Offices in Amman, Kathmandu and Bangkok.

1971 - 1977

- * Medical Officer / Project Director Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka.
- * Medical Officer, Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, U.K.

Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies
(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)

Name and first name: Dr. Hiranthi Wijemanne
Date and place of birth: 10.05.1943, Colombo, Sri Lanka
Working Languages: English
Current position/function:
(5 lines maximum)

Advisor/ Consultant to the Ministry of Justice, National Child Protection Authority, the Department of Probation and Child Care and the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment with special reference to the implementation of laws, policies and practices which promote and protect the rights of Children

Main professional activities:
(10 lines maximum)

- Advocacy on child rights with focus on conflict areas, child labour and child abuse and exploitation through mass media networks, seminars and written medium.
- Capacity building of key government institutions responsible for the delivery of services for children.
- Sharing of lessons learned on successful programmes such as the eradication of polio, establishment of the National Child Protection Authority, based Early Childhood Development, and the rehabilitation and re-integration of child combatants.
- Providing expertise to research institutions, universities and NGO's committed to undertaking research on hitherto unaddressed Child Rights issues.
- Formulating systems to monitor Child Rights particularly at community level, to ensure translation of policies to action and an impact on children.

Educational Background:
(5 lines maximum)

- Medical degree from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (1969)
- Masters Degree in Public Health, from the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Mass. USA. 1975
- Fellow of the Sri Lankan College of Physicians, 2007

Other main activities in the field relevant to the treaty body concerned
(10 lines maximum)

- Providing consultancy services in relation to law reform on Child witnesses and victims; juvenile justice; Child friendly court procedures and law enforcements, trafficking in persons with special reference to women and children.

- Providing advisory services to the National Child Protection Authority with special reference to sexual abuse and the worst forms of Child Labour. This includes improving, monitoring and reporting access to therapy/counseling, effective law enforcement and medico - legal aspects and children in the Tsunami affected and post conflict areas.
- Consultancy services to the Department on Probation and Child Care in relation to Children in institutions both as a result of conflict as well as natural disasters; and promotion of alternate care at community level.

List of most recent publications in the field
(5 lines)

- Child Recruitment, rehabilitation and re-integration of child combatants.
- Policy framework for the protective care, rehabilitation and re- integration of child combatants
- The sexual exploitation of children with special reference to commercial sex networks
- Strategic Framework for Time - Bound programmes to eliminate the worst forms of Child Labour.
- Strengthening national capacity to respond to Child rights violation of conflict affected children.