TEASDALE-CORTI PROGRAM
RESEARCH & CAPACITY BUILDING
Guatemala, Nepal, Peru & Sri Lanka

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FUNDING AGENCIES

- CIDA: Canadian International Development Agency (Government body)
- IDSE: International Research & Development Centre
- Health Canada (Government body)
- CIHR: Canada Institute of Health Research
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FIELD WORK

Guatemala
Nepal
Peru
Sri Lanka

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OVERALL TITLE

‘Political violence, natural disaster & mental health outcomes:
  Developing innovative health policies & interventions’

Program: over four years beginning March/April 2007:
  Information gathering (IG), Knowledge translation (KT) & Capacity building (CB)

Each individual country develop a program separately
  Share knowledge within each country
  Build capacity within each country to develop:
    Local action-research.
    Training for people working in areas affected by conflict
  Inform policies centrally and locally

All four countries (in the ‘South’) and McGill (in the ‘North’):
  Share knowledge and know-how
  Develop international links and North-South collaboration
Sri Lanka Program (provisional): Summary

Stage 1: Networking and consultation, researching background in terms of policies, service activities and research.

Stage 2: Researching in four areas (North, South, East and West) using participatory, qualitative methods to explore local experiences of (a) people and families affected by conflict etc; and (b) people who work in the field (in NGOs, statutory agencies etc.)

Stage 3: Building on experience and knowledge in 1 & 2, promote local capacity for service provision, research & policy development. Develop training programs and guidance for workers? Promote inter-agency collaboration? Improve local services? Links with McGill for collaboration? Cross-national research and exchange of know-how?
SUPPORT FROM MCGILL

Co-ordination of the four centres
Dealing with funders
Evaluation
Setting up video conferencing links
Support with visits to each centre
International conferences (at least yearly) in each centre in rotation
Fellowships in each year 2007 – 2009 (or 2010)
   Two senior (one month between September following April)
   Two Junior (three months from 1 May)
Possibly on-going links between McGill and the four centres in the South for grant applications and support
Help, Advice, Support and interest welcome

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