

SITUATION REPORT # 102

KILINOCHCHI, MULLAITIVU, MANNAR, VAVUNIYA, TRINCOMALEE, BATTICALOA and AMPARA DISTRICTS

22-30 November 2007

KILINOCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

and Manthai West (located in Mannar district but covered by Kilinochchi district)

Situation update

- Aerial attacks intensified in various parts of Vanni resulting in several civilian casualties and increased displacements. Following aerial attacks on a local radio station on 27 November, FORUT suspended all field operations in the Vanni. The air strikes damaged FORUT's office as well as the WFP compound in Kilinochchi.
- 28 November, humanitarian organisations restricted and/or postponed scheduled activities in Kilinochchi due to the deterioration security situation. Additionally, the UN restricted movement to critical instances in Kilinochchi town and project implementation areas on 28 and 29 November due to aerial bombardments and claymore mine incidents.
- Local media reported on 28 November that 11 people including 7 school children were killed when the van they were traveling in got hit by a claymore bomb on the road between Thunukkai and Kokkaavil.

Internally Displaced Persons

- A new pattern of displacement has been noticed with civilians displacing themselves from the vicinities of local communications or local press facilities fearing continuation of aerial bombardments.
- The latest IDP statistics made available by the GA and AGA offices in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts stand at 83,364 individuals (22,287 families).
- Displacement continues in Manthai West and Madhu divisions in Mannar district. According to the Divisional Secretariat (DS) of Manthai West, 2,680 families (10,566 members) have been displaced from areas near the Forward Defense Line (FDL) of Mannar and have sought refuge in nine GS divisions since September 2007. AGA of Manthai West also reported that at least 103 families remain in communal buildings and that 97 families are without shelter, many sleeping under plastic sheeting.

Sector Response

Shelter

- 28 November, World Vision started preliminary work of site clearing and purchasing of materials in preparation for the construction of 150 temporary shelters for Mulankavil IDPs displaced from Manthai West.
- 23 November, CARE distributed material for the construction of 20 temporary shelters to IDP's settled in the Paranthan and Nachchikuda villages in Kilinochchi and also distributed cadjan to 20 families in Pannankandy to thatch their shelters.
- UNHCR through its implementing partner UNOPS assisted 51 families displaced settled in three AGA divisions of Kilinochchi district to re-thatch their shelters.
- UNHCR through its implementing partner UNOPS constructed 25 temporary shelters for IDPs displaced from Manthai West areas.
- UNHCR's implementing partner FORUT supplied temporary shelter material to 27 IDP families settled in Mullaitivu District.

Food

- WFP procured 75 MT of rice from Vanni - based suppliers for use in their programmes covering Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu. Local suppliers also responded to two local tenders totaling 2,225 MT of rice, of which almost 1,500 MT are for delivery outside the Vanni.

- WFP dispatched 50 MT of mixed food commodities to IDPs in Kilinochchi with another 3.5 MT dispatched for food-for-training. In Mullaitivu, 230 MT of food was dispatched for IDPs and a further 2.25 MT for the WFP school feeding programme.
- 19-24 November, the WFP logistics special operation team transported roof tiles for CARE (6 trucks), school items and NFRI for UNICEF (5 trucks), Wat/ San equipment for World Vision International (3 trucks), medical equipment for the Deputy Provincial Director of Health Services (DPDHS) (1 truck) and food for WFP (6 trucks).

Water and Sanitation

- UNOPS, UNHCR implementing partner, completed the construction of two wells in Kilinochchi district and identified another nine locations for the construction of tube wells.

NFRI

- 22 November, World Vision distributed NFRI packs to 190 IDP families displaced from the Manthai West areas in Mannar and settled in Mulankavil-Poonakary.
- The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed NFRI items to 45 IDP families originating from Manthai west, Jaffna and Batticaloa districts in September and October 2007 and now settled in Karachchi AGA.
- UNHCR distributed NFRIs to two IDP families displaced from Manthai West and settled in the Kilinochchi area.

Protection

- DRC provided cash assistance to four extremely vulnerable accompanying parents of children in need of treatment at the Vavuniya hospital. DRC also provided NFRI and tarpaulin sheets to 3 IDP families in Karachchi AGA division whose shelters were lost in an accidental fire.
- SCiSL constructed a Child Friendly Space at Iranaimathanagar in Kilinochchi, benefiting 173 children. SCiSL also conducted a workshop on 'Theater Focused Drama' for 105 children in Thunukkai AGA and conducted a workshop on 'Convention on Rights of Children' for 17 Mudkompan-Poonakary children's club members.
- SCiSL organized a Child Led Advocacy programme in Konavil, Kilinochchi with the participation of 40 children and their parents.
- CARE with the District Disaster Management Unit of Mullaitivu, formed Emergency Preparedness Committees in five villages of Mullaitivu.
- DRC as a protection implementing of UNHCR, conducted a two-day training on social mobilization for Community Based Organisations (CBOs), IDPs and host communities in Mullivaikkal east.
- SCiSL distributed 10 varieties of trees and cages (to protect the trees in infancy stage) to the Sekkalai Karukkaitheevu GTMS (Government Tamil Mixed School) in Kilinochchi.

Education

- SCiSL opened two Early Childhood Care and Development Centers (ECCDCs) at the Pazhayamurukandy and Puthukkudiyiruppu villages in Mullaitivu district for 54 children and 4 teachers. SCiSL assisted 59 ECCDC teachers with a monthly allowance of Rupees 2,000.
- SCiSL organized an awareness session for 200 parents and 125 children in Iranaimathanagar on the importance of education through theatre action.

Livelihood

- SCiSL delivered the second installment of cash grants to 208 beneficiaries from Kanthikiramam, Uzhavanoor, Mudkomban, Barathipuram, Poothanvayal, Vadakadu and Therankandal.
- CARE under the 'UPWARD' project provided assistances for land preparation and fencing to 94 beneficiaries from two villages in Kilinochchi district. CARE also provided livelihood assistance to 20 beneficiaries for cattle and poultry rearing in the Pannakandy village. On 23 November, CARE provided a Rupees 75,000 cash grant to the Ulavanoor Saving and Credit Group in Kilinochchi to run a loan scheme for livelihood activities.
- UNHCR assisted three vulnerable IDP families in Kilinochchi under the Extremely Vulnerable Individuals programme.

Capacity Building

- SCiSL conducted a one-day workshop on 'emergency preparedness' for 7 teachers and 30 students of the Mudkomban GTMS School in Poonakary.

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS

Situation update

- The situation in Mannar remains tense. The entry/exit point at the Uyilankulam checkpoint remains closed with the ICRC unable to obtain the necessary security guarantees required for them to return to the checkpoint.
- Restrictive checkpoint procedures on the A14 road continue to limit supplies of essential items.
- Access to Musali Division remains blocked and agencies based in Mannar are unable to access the increasingly large caseload in Manthai West due to the closure of the UK checkpoint.
- Daily shelling continues from bases in Mannar towards LTTE positions in the Vanni.

Internally Displaced Persons

- The GA office reports that there were 6,328 families (23,662 individuals) displaced in Mannar district and 3,071 families (10,302 persons) displaced in Vavuniya district as of 29 November 2007.

Sector Response

Shelter

- 28 November, OXFAM completed the construction of 20 temporary shelters for Musali IDPs staying in Moddaikaddai, Nanaddan DS.

Water and Sanitation

- Under the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Waste Management Project at Division B of the Sithamparapuram Welfare Centre, 12 garbage bins were distributed to twelve families and a rake, 2 buckets and one sharp edged shovel provided to one family. A concrete mixture was set to fix seven garbage bins in common areas. A mini-Shramadana (community clean-up) was organized to repair a well, in order to prevent water accumulation and mosquito breeding. The second poster contest for children was also held.
- 27 November, IOM reported that ongoing construction work in Mannar is further delayed due to restrictions/delays in getting approval for transportation of cement into Mannar Island.
- 27 November, OXFAM and Sarvodaya started the construction of 22 semi-permanent toilets at IDP locations in the Rice Mill site and coconut plantation site in Nanaddan.
- IOM and the Rural Development Foundation (RDF), under a UNICEF funded project for improving the Wat/San conditions for retuning refugees and host populations, completed Participatory Rural Appraisal activities at 25 locations in Mannar and at 17 locations in Vavuniya district. The reports once compiled will be distributed among relevant authorities/societies.
- IOM in collaboration with the Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) has identified 150 locations in Vavuniya district to conduct Water Quality Tests.

Education

- 22 November, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) distributed education kits to 15 displaced children staying in Srirampuram, Kaththarsinnakulam GN, Vavuniya

Food

- 21-28 November, World Vision distributed supplementary food (chick beans, sugar, tea leaves and tin fish) to 521 families staying in Arthimoddai, Koorai and Kovilkulam in Manthai West.

NFRI

- 22 November, SCiSL distributed NFRI (tumbler, plate, soap, tarpaulin, mug, spoon, mosquito nets, hurricane lamp, box of matches, plastic basin and bucket) to 23 IDP families staying in Srirampuram.
- 19-25 November, UNHCR distributed 45 NFRI packages to 45 families who had returned by sea to Mannar from India.
- 22 November, SCiSL distributed two sets of cloth material to 26 displaced children staying in Srirampuram.

Protection

- UNHCR and its protection partners continue to monitor IDP sites in Mannar, and continue to advocate for the protection of IDPs and returnees. During reporting period, UNHCR made interventions with the military to ensure the freedom of movement for IDPs.
- 28 November, SCiSL started to review children's club activities with participation of children. The purpose of the review is to make recommendations on the way forward and develop guidelines for children's clubs. Initially, Ampara, Matara, and Vavuniya districts were selected as three pilot to test the review methodology. In Vavuniya, a total of 30 children's clubs were formed with the support of SCiSL and 14 clubs will be reviewed.

Livelihood

- IOM and OXFAM are planning to support Musali IDPs with income generation activities and as the first stage a basic survey is being conducted among IDPs staying in Nanaddan DS.
- 28 November, IOM under the AusAid funded sustainable return and reintegration of refugee returnees from India project by providing sewing machines, together with training, to 12 vulnerable young women.
- 24 November, CARE International with the Agriculture Dept. conducted agriculture training for 50 farmers and distributed agriculture inputs including sharp-edged shovels (mammattee), paddy seeds, racks, and water cans to 40 beneficiaries living in Srirampuram.
- 26 November, CARE International conducted training to identify local businesses for 44 participants from Nedunkulam Village, Vavuniya South

Agriculture and Food Security

- 21-28 November, ZOA distributed seed paddies to 43 displaced Musali farmers as the first input and distributed fertilizer (urea and TSP) to 83 farmers in Nanaddan DS.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Situation update

- The situation in Trincomalee remains tense and search operations have intensified.

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to GA/UNHCR, as of 22 November 2007, the number of IDPs at the Kiliveddy, Paddithidal/Peruveli sites were 1,136 families (3,780 persons).

Sector Response

Food

- 55 MT of high-nutrient World Food Programme Corn Soya Blended food was dispatched to seven divisions within Trincomalee to support 22,075 pregnant or nursing mothers and children under five years of age for one month. This is part of WFP's Mother and Child Nutrition Programme.
- 12 MT of WFP food for 4,242 people in Muttur was dispatched during the week. 24 MT out of the 140 MT of WFP food sent to Eachchilampattai as a part of the December allocation. Distribution delays are continuing in Eachchilampattai due to security concerns of Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society (MPCS) managers and beneficiaries who are reluctant to travel to end distribution points.

- 6 MT of one month food rations was dispatched to Town & Gravets for WFP food-for-training for 100 participants.

Shelter

- IOM has started to provide solar powered equipment to DS divisions for Sri Lankan returnees from India and to host communities of Morawewa, Kuchchaveli, Thampalakamam, Kinniya, Eachchilampattai, Town & Gravets Divisional Secretaries Divisions in Trincomalee.
- LEADS reported that they started construction of 25 semi-permanent shelters in the district.
- 28 November, IOM provided fire safety training to IDPs all the IDPs at the Kiliveddy transit sites with the support of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

Education

- UNICEF assessed the child friendly activities in Kiliveddy transit camp on 23 November. The majority of the children take part in the activities regularly. Feedback from the activity leaders working on the UNICEF funded Community Trust fund (CCF) project reported that an increased involvement of communities and camp management in child welfare can be seen. This was confirmed by the camp management and other community members.
- Activities such as safe night time study centers, the importance of education, monitoring school enrollment, accommodating IDP have been recommenced at the Kiliveddy/ Paddithidal transit sites to be supported by UNICEF and the Education Development Organisation (EDO). Enrolment remains irregular despite efforts from Grama Sevaka (GS), ZEO, UNICEF and others, with an average attendance of 50% of IDP children at the regular schools. A meeting was held with management committees and GS Kiliveddy on 23 November to raise this issue. Suggested ways for improvement include higher involvement of the GS appointed management committees in each site, and a more encouraging approach by all stakeholders involved in child friendly activities.
- In the Kiliveddy transit camps, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) continues to support four pre-school teachers and six evening class teachers at the JRS centre, six volunteers in Kiliveddy school to support the teaching of IDP children. JRS further completed a temporary structure for child friendly activities in H block, and has appointed pre-school teacher.
- UNICEF is working with EDO to assist the ZEO Muttur monitor schools in Eachchilampattai. Initial data for enrolment indicates that attendance is relatively high and regular in most schools, although in some schools it drops to less than 20% on specific days. A survey on 'out of school children' is being carried out by UNICEF and the findings will be shared shortly.
- People in Need (PIN) is finalizing the Bill of Quantities to start repair work of the Poonagar and Illankaithurai schools in Eachchilampattai.
- JRS constructed a temporary school structure at the Illankaithurai Mugathuvaram, Kaladi, Illankaithurai schools, and Sinnakulam pre-school. Distribution of nutritional food was done at 14 pre-schools in Eachchilampattai. The 14 government schools are also supported with evening classes through additional volunteer teachers.
- 17 November, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) supported an exam revision session for 120 O'Level students from Illankaithurai Mugathuvaram, Poonagar (Thruvalluvar), Shampaha, Verugal Mugathuvaram.
- SCiSL constructed a school kitchen as part of a school feeding program for two schools in Eachchilampattai. SCiSL also supported a classroom partitioning in the Illankaithurai Mugathuvaram School. To support early learning, SCiSL fenced in a play area and supplied play materials at the Punniadi, Illankaithurai Mugathuvaram and Mavadichchenai villages in Eachchilampattai DS. Also distributed library books worth 450,000 Rp to each of the five schools.
- OfERR (Ceylon) conducted pilot exams for O'Level students of 13 schools in Eachchilampattai and Muttur division. 350 students benefited from this preparation for the national exam in the subjects of Mathematics, Science, Tamil, English and Social Studies.
- OfERR (Ceylon) helped test general knowledge skills of displaced students in 15 schools, mainly in Eachchilampattai Muthur, Kiliveddy, Kuchchaveli and Thiriyai in preparation for the O'L examination. Exams have been conducted 1,199 students and Rupees 100, 000 has been allocated to support students of 14 schools in Eachchilampattai for their third exam.

- JRS is supporting three volunteer teachers of the T/Sri Kajamuga school in Ralkuly to temporarily fill the teacher shortage in the village.

NFRI

- 23 November, a UNHCR funded kerosene distribution to all IDP families at the Kiliveddy transit sites started. Each family received five liters of kerosene. The distribution will be made through the Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society (MPCS) and each family will receive kerosene every week through the end of January 2008.

Protection

- The NRC Trincomalee Care and Maintenance Training team visited IDP sites and trained 29 persons of PIN and World Vision on mine awareness.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

Situation Update

- The security situation has generally stabilized though the presence of armed groups continues to create tensions.
- Shelter materials were looted when IDPs vacated the IDP camps during the 20-23 November resettlements. Humanitarian agencies conveyed their concern to local Government authorities and requested their immediate assistance. The IDP camp shelter materials are intended to assist returnees with emergency shelter needs.

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to Government statistics as of 26 November 2007, the total registered IDP population in the district was 7,036 families (26,409 individuals).
- 20-23 November, 1,995 families (6,703 individuals) were resettled in Chenkalady. During the organised return movement, the return monitoring was conducted by several humanitarian agencies in the district. UNHCR monitored families which opted not to return to Chenkalady divisions. In most camps all IDPs that were scheduled for return have left for their village of origin. UNHCR also continues to follow up on issues of IDP registration in the District. In recent weeks, a number of IDP families have returned to displacement sites in Batticaloa District from Trincomalee, mainly from Eachchalimpattu DS.

Sector Response

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) provided 55 emergency shelters in Pankudaveli GN division of West Chenkalady.
- NRC decommissioned 66 individual vacated shelters in Kaluwankerny camp in Chenkalady division.
- UNHCR/UNOPS decommissioned 25 six-family shelters in Kaluwankerny camp.
- IOM is upgrading 92 shelters in Zahira welfare centre in Manmunai North (MN) division.
- At Mahilavedduwan in Vavunatheevu division, IOM constructed 83 shelters and 138 are under construction. In Naripulthottam, 41 shelters were completed by IOM and work is ongoing on another 22. More shelter kits (timber and tin sheets) are arriving for distribution.
- IOM decommissioned 76 vacated shelters at the Thiraimadu site in MN division.
- UNHCR/UNOPS distributed emergency shelter assistance to 97 returnee families in Karadiyanaru GN division in Chenkalady DS. 26 families from Kusalanamalai village who had stayed in the Karadiyanaru School were also assisted and vacated the school on 23 November.

Food

- Main Food Rations provided to IDPs in welfare centers and with host families by GA/WFP (85%), Sewalanka and NCM Lanka.
- Complementary food to IDPs in welfare centers is being provided by Sewalanka, arche noVa , OXFAM Australia/ PWA, Help from Germany and NCM Lanka. However, there is a gap in complementary foods ration for IDPs in 70% of the welfare centres.

- Complementary food to the resettled is being provided by ICRC and Help from Germany. However a gap of approximately 70% of resettled families in four Batticaloa West Divisions remains.
- In resettled areas the main food rations are provided in Vaharai by BRCS for 6 months 'Cash Equivalent of Food Programme' until Jan 2008, in Vellavelly by GA/WFP for months until Jan 2008, in Paddipalai by GA/WFP for 6 months until Jan 2008, in Vavunatheevu by GA/WFP for 6 months until Jan 2008, and in Chenkalady by GoSL for 2 weeks & by GA/WFP for three months until Jan 2008.
- At the Inter- Agency Meeting on 26 November, WFP reported that there is need for complimentary food assistance for returnees in resettled areas. WFP also reported that dry ration assistance (which is short of rice) will continue to be distributed to returnees for six months following resettlement.
- arche noVa reported that it is winding down its operations in complimentary food assistance in Kokkuvil 3 and Palameenmadu 2 IDP camps in MN division from January 2008.

Water and Sanitation

- At Panichchankerny in Vaharai division, 50 permanent toilets are under construction by IOM and in Mankerny, 15 are nearing completion and another 15 are under construction.
- arche noVa constructed 12 pillars for tube wells, repaired 12 tube wells, constructed 5 tube wells and flushed 5 tube wells at various camp locations in MN and Kaluwanchikudy divisions.
- 23 November, under the “prevention and control viral hepatitis” programme, Oxfam GB and Sarvodaya with the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) Vavunatheevu distributed 27 sets of latrine cleaning kits (Harpic, Fenol, toilet brush, gloves, buckets) to all 27 schools in Vavunatheevu division.
- UNICEF provided 35 1,000 liter capacity water tanks, 26 tank stands and 60 taps to Chenkalady DS for resettlement purposes.
- Well cleaning is ongoing by the Chenkalady Pradeshiya Saba to meet needs of returning populations. The water situation in the resettlement areas of Chenkalady is variable, with many areas dependent on water bowsering.

NFRI

- 21 and 22 November, arche noVa distributed 649 soap kits to 27 families in Palameenmadu Father’s land, 36 families in St. Sebastian School camp, 144 families in Zahira welfare centre, 72 families in Sinhala M. Vidyalaya school, 59 families in Kokkuvil annex, 94 families in Kokkuvil III camp, 143 families in Palameenmadu II camp in MN division and also to 74 families in Kurukkalmadam IDP camp in Kaluwanchikudy division.
- 22 November, arche noVa distributed 123 broom sticks in Palameenmadu II camp in MN division.
- 22 November, World Vision distributed 90 plastic sheets, 90 jerry cans and 90 mats to 90 families in Urugamam and 60 plastic sheets, 60 jerry cans and 60 mats to 60 families in Koppavelly in resettled villages of Chenkalady.
- During the reporting period, World Vision HEA (Humanitarian Emergency Affairs) distributed 147 jerry cans, 5 plastic sheets and 294 mats to 147 families in Pallachenai and Ilupadichenai.; also distributed were 100 plastic sheets to 61 families in Mavilaaru and 39 families in Irajapuram.
- 21 and 23 November, under the “prevention and control viral hepatitis” programme, Oxfam GB and Sarvodaya with MOH Vavunatheevu distributed 5,961 hygiene kits (soap, nail cutter, tooth brush and tooth paste) and 27 sets of water boiling pots (cooker, pots, kettle, spoon and cup) to all 27 schools in Vavunatheevu division.
- Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) distributed 148 NFRI family packs in the Vellavelly GN division in Vellavelly DS division. The family pack includes; tea tumbler, silver plates, saucepan sets, aluminum buckets, plastic mats, bed sheets, hygiene kits and baby mosquito net etc.
- 12,640 bath soaps and 12,640 laundry soaps were provided by UNICEF to arche noVa, ACTED and NRC to distribute at most IDPs sites (UNICEF distributed directly to Food warehouse site in MN division). 8 bath soaps and 8 laundry soaps were provided to each family to replace perishables in hygiene kits to cover needs until the year end.
- UNICEF distributed 1,447 NFRI kits (hygiene kits, mats, jerry cans etc) to resettled families in Vavunatheevu division.

Protection

- The NRC Camp Management Training team did follow up activities after Camp Management Training conducted at 11 IDPs sites in MN, Chenkalady and Arayampathy divisions. This follow up includes consultations with Camp Management Committees about the management, organization, goals, action plans, and monitoring the use of tracking sheets for watsan and coordinating lists for referrals.
- 22 and 23 November, World Vision conducted Mine Risk Education (MRE) sessions for 162 children (90 boys and 72 girls) from the Thattumunai and Kattumurivu villages in Vaharai division.
- 21 and 22 November, World Vision conducted MRE sessions for 74 parents from Vammivettuwana and 20 parents from Thattumunai.
- 28 November, IOM in coordination with the local NGO, Kaviya conducted a Government Policy and Legal Entitlement workshop for 53 beneficiaries in Paalchenai and a Gender Awareness workshop for 44 beneficiaries in Vattavan in Vaharai division.
- 23-28 November, SCiSL staff conducted focus group discussions under the participatory assessment process and identified appropriate solutions to issues faced by the children, with the participation of communities at Arumugathankudiyeruppu – 1 & 2, Kaluwankerny – 1 & 2.
- 23 and 24 November, six Government staff from Batticaloa (one child rights promoting officer and five probation assistants) participated in a Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on child rights conducted by SCiSL in Trincomalee.
- 23 and 24 November, 53 parents in Palugamam and Munaitheevu in Vellavelly division were introduced to Child Rights Conventions and Child Protection by SCiSL and partner (Patchali Pallai Development Rehabilitation Organisation) PPDRO.
- 24 and 25 November, SCiSL facilitated a workshop on “Village level coordination and child protection structure” at Manresa hall for Government stakeholders from the Vellavelly division, where GNs, Samurdhi officers, MOH officers, principals and teachers participated.
- 24, 25 and 26 November, 456 children participated in an introductory child protection, health care, child participation and leadership programme organized by SCiSL at Sathrukondan-1, 2 & 3, Food ware house, Manpower-I&II, Palameenmadu-I&II, Navatkerny & Kokkuvil –3 IDP camps in MN division.
- 24 and 25 November, SCiSL facilitated an awareness creation workshop for 22 teachers of the Paddiruppu Educational Zone through its school based disaster risk reduction program; the session was conducted by the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCs).
- 24 and 26 November, SCiSL facilitated an awareness workshop on gender based violence for 36 IDP (parents) at the Thirupprunthurai host community village.
- UNICEF and partner Sarvodaya conducted MRE training for 37 volunteers. MRE awareness was also conducted by Sarvodaya in villages of Vaharai and Vavunatheevu divisions as well as for IDPs who were scheduled to return to their villages in Chenkalady division.

Psycho-social

- 24, 26 and 27 November, IOM in coordination with Kaviya conducted community based discussions on issues prevailing amongst the community in Mankerny, Kayankerny in Vaharai division and Nochchimunai in MN division, where 134 beneficiaries participated.
- UNICEF distributed five recreational kits to child protection agencies in the district.

Education

- Even though all schools in Chenkalady have been officially re-opened, a UNICEF monitoring visit showed that attendance was low, and that several returnee families are currently residing in schools in the Chenkalady area.
- 23 November, SCiSL donated 37 bicycle to the Vellavelly Kalaimahal Vidyalayam School and 21 bicycles to the Bt/Thirukkonraimunmari GTMS School in Vellavelly division.
- SCiSL conducted special coaching classes for 6,500 Ordinary Level (G.C.E O/L) children in the Batticaloa and Paddiruppu Educational Zones in coordination with the Department of Education.
- SCiSL provided supplementary food to 3,200 early childhood children in the Paddiruppu, Batticaloa and Kalkudah zones through its partner organizations.

- 23 November, SCiSL distributed stationery packs containing exercise books, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers and sharpeners to 175 displaced children studying at the Palameenmadu Vigneswara Vidiyalayam and Pillyarady GTMS schools.
- SCiSL provided 11 sets of pass paper books to G.C.E Ordinary Level children in 6 IDP camps in MN division on 23 November through its partner organization Eastern Human Economic Development (EHED).

Health & Nutrition

- Camp based hygiene promotion activities were carried out by Oxfam GB volunteers and camp management committees with the support of partner agencies ESCO and Sarvodaya. Volunteers conducted household visits, group discussions, and community meetings on educating the community on maintaining the Wat/San facilities and organized 3 camp-cleaning events to maintain a clean camp environment.
- The Community Resource Development Organization (CRDO) with the support of Oxfam GB identified 24 volunteers in 6 villages of Paddipalai division. The MOH Paddipalai and Oxfam GB then conducted a one-day training programme for the volunteers on 22 November. The training was aimed at improving understanding on health promotion, why it is important. The training also covered identifying key high-risk practices within the community and defined the role and responsibilities of the volunteers and their link with the MOH.
- MSF reported at the Inter-Agency Meeting of 26 November that they are winding down operations in Batticaloa by 31 December 2007. MSF supported water and sanitation activities in IDPs camps in Kaluwankemi and Palacholai. Other camps supported by MSF are Kirimuddi, Mavadivembu, Sittandy and camps in Manmunai North, as well as in resettlement areas of Vaharai and Vavunatheevu.

Livelihood

- North East Rehabilitation Training and Research Association (NERTRA) and Oxfam GB distributed paddy cultivation input items such as seed paddy and fertilizer to 13 in Kurunthayadimunmari, Panaiyaruppan and Sillikodoyaru in Vavunathievu division.
- NERTRA and Oxfam GB distributed high land crop inputs to 75 resettled farmers in Kurunthayadimunmari, Panaiyaruppan, Sillikodoyaru, Idumpandakulam and Periyakalapoddamadu in Vavunatheivu division.
- 400 women were identified by CRDO and Oxfam GB as recipient for cash vouchers worth Rupees 4,000 for purchase of women's livelihood related assets in Kollanullai, Viduthikal, Mavadimunmari, Vaddiyamadu, Kuluinamadu and Thevilamunai in Paddipalai division. Another 400 women were identified by NERTRA and Oxfam GB for similar assistance in Kurunthayadimunmari, Panaiyaruppan, Sillikodoyaru, Idumpandakulam and Periyakalapoddamadu in Vavunatheevu division.
- 23 November, SCiSL conducted a one-day training session on technical extension services and agriculture farming for 40 beneficiaries at the Thumpankery village; the session was facilitated by the Development Officer and Agriculture Inspector of the division.

AMPARA DISTRICT

Situation update

- The situation remains tense.

Internally Displaced Persons

- UNHCR reported that there were 1,502 IDP families (5,564 individuals) in the district as of 28 November 2007.
- GA Ampara requested UNHCR to consider assistance for the 45 IDP families displaced from Bakkiella in Uhana division to the town area. They have now voluntarily returned to their place of origin although their livelihoods are severely affected due to the conflict.

Sector Response

Food

- IDPs in all ten DS divisions continue to receive monthly WFP food rations. During the month of November, WFP delivered a total of 69 MT of mixed food commodities to 5,187 beneficiaries (1,417 families).

Water and Sanitation

- 24 November, CARE provided cash grants to 37 beneficiaries to construct toilets and wells in tsunami-affected Akkaraipattu DS.
- IOM cleaned 15 wells at a relocation site in Pottuvil and constructed six garbage collection points at camps in Kalmunai Tamil and Sainthamaruthu DS. IOM completed the construction of 14 new toilets at a relocation site in Thirukkivil and repaired a water connection point at the Addalalalam camp in Karaitivu. IOM improved the drainage system at the Karaitivu camp 1 2, Galway camp, MFCD camp and constructed aprons (to assist in drainage) as well.

Protection

- 22 November, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) conducted a workshop on Child Rights and Gender Based Violence for 39 persons of the children and youth club of Chenaikudiyeruppu.
- 23 November, SCiSL conducted a children's club participatory assessment of the "Venpura" children's club at Alankuklam Addalachenai DS with the participation of 30 children.
- 23 November, SCiSL handed over a children's Park constructed by them next to the children's ward of the Base Hospital Kalmunai (Kalmunai Tamil DS Division).
- 25 November, SCiSL conducted a children's club participatory assessment on the Annai Children's club at Vinayakapuram (Thirukkivil DS Division), Sennel and Arumpukal Children club at Sennal Village (Sammanthurai DS Division), Bharathi Children club at Veeraicholai (Navithanveli DS Division) with the participation of 145 children.

Psycho-social

- IOM completed two gender protection capacity building trainings for IDP camp community leaders, community site monitors in Kalmunai Muslim DS on 21 and 22 November.

Education

- 22 November, SCiSL handed over library and laboratory furniture to the Kanasha Vidiyalaya Chenaikudiyerup school, which has 784 students.
- 23 November, SCiSL handed over a permanent pre-school building constructed by them to the community of Hingurana.

Livelihood

- CARE conducted one livelihood capacity building training on cattle farming to 45 beneficiaries at Vijeyapura east and west GN divisions in Uhana DS on 21 November.
- 22 November, CARE conducted one livelihood capacity building training on goat farming to 21 beneficiaries, and one training on cattle farming to 30 beneficiaries selected from Thampattai, Puliampattai and Kavadapitiya.

Agriculture and Food Security Sector

- 22 and 23 November, FAO in collaboration with the local NGO Green Lanka Organisation (GLO) distributed Other Field Crop seeds (cowpea and green gram) and fertilizer to 100 displaced families in the Bakmitiyawa village in Damana DS, and trained them on advanced agricultural techniques.
- 21 and 22 November, FAO with the Department of Fisheries handed over one fish processing unit building with relevant machinery in Thirukkivil DS and two ice storage buildings in Pottuvil DS, and one auction center building in the Panama village in Lahugala DS to the respective Pradeshiya Sabas.