



SITUATION REPORT # 108
KILINOCHCHI, MULLAITIVU, MANNAR, VAVUNIYA, TRINCOMALEE, BATTICALOA and AMPARA DISTRICTS
3-10 Jan 2008

IDP trends as reported this week by GAs

Location	Number of Families	Number of Individuals
Kilinochchi	13,322	51,287
Mullaitivu	9,068	32,370
Vavuniya	3,027	10,643
Mannar	6,333	23,544
Trincomalee	1,166	3,742
Batticaloa	7,046	26,512
Ampara	1,525	5,695

KILINOCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

Situation update

- The situation in the Vanni is tense after the annulment notice of the CFA.
- 7 Jan, landline telephones were not working in Kilinochchi.

Displacement/Returns

- No reports of displacements

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS

Situation update

- Security situation in Mannar and Vavuniya remains tense.

Displacement/Returns

- No new displacements were reported.

Sector Developments/Gaps

- Further to the GA's request, World Vision agreed to construct 200 TS in Paliyaru and Vellankulam in Manthai West. Construction of 20 TS was completed and handed over to beneficiaries.
 - World Vision reports that they are stopping the supply of drinking water to Palliyaru, Thevanpitty and Vellankulam by the end of this week due to funding limitations. This will affect 1,300 families who received 48,000 liters of water per day.
 - World Vision propositioned NFRI's worth Rupees 6,500 for 250 families in Mannar.
 - SCiSL propositioned baby hygiene kits for 1,000 families as an emergency response measure in Vavuniya, Mannar, Anuradhapura and Puttalam districts.
- 30 Nov 2007, the SLA ground commander temporarily stopped SLF's of semi-permanent houses at the Kalmadu relocation site in Vavuniya citing security considerations. The GA, UNHCR and SLF are advocating for the resumption of work at the site.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Situation update

- The situation remains tense. Cordon and search operations in different parts of Trincomalee are now regular occurrences.
- Some rain was experienced in the district and more is expected though no displacement is reported.

- Due to the recent heavy rain and flooding, livelihood activities in most of the areas of Trincomalee have been affected; in particular, the cultivation/plantation sites in resettlement areas have been damaged. This is likely to cause returnees to depend on external assistance until the next harvest season. It is necessary to reassess the length and level of assistance to returnees, which was earlier planned until December 2007 or January 2008.

Displacement/Returns

- No displacements were reported.

Sector Developments/Gaps

- WFP is facing difficulty in transporting food commodities to Seruvila, Muttur and Eachchilampattai. The Alla-Kantalai road was affected by flooding and the RDA temporarily repaired the road. However, it is difficult to take Lorries that can carry more than 7MT through that road. The monthly food distribution in these three DS division is around 205 MT. WFP is making arrangements to dispatch food through the special operations unit to cover the gaps in the government transportation process.
- 68 students (above Grade 6) from Uppooral (recently resettled village) attending the Ilankaithurai Mugathuvaram School were arriving late to school due to the registering process at the checkpoint next to the damaged bridge at Ilankaithurai Mugathuvaram.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

Situation update

- The security situation remains tense with the presence of armed non-state actors. There are abductions, killings and daily harassment of civilians, although not all cases are reported due to fear of reprisals. The deteriorating human security situation is also affecting IDPs within the District. On 9 Jan, a suspected LTTE cadre was shot and killed outside Savukady IDP camp in Chenkalady DS.
- As a result of heightened tensions in the District, there are increased searches at checkpoints, including of humanitarian agency staff and vehicles.
- The Commissioner General of Elections announced that nominations to 9 local authorities in the Batticaloa District will be open between 18-25 January, with elections to follow in early March 2008. A proposed alliance between 4 Tamil parties, EPDP, EPRLF, PLOTE and TMVP (Pillayan Faction), failed, with the TMVP (Pillayan Faction) announcing that it would stand alone for the elections. There are serious concerns that the nominations and elections will be marred by violence. 7 January, the president of the Batticaloa District Volunteer Teachers Union was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen in an incident widely believed to be linked to the elections.

Flood Update:

- According to the DMC based in GA's office Batticaloa, as of 10 January 2008, 82 GN divisions of 4 DS divisions were affected due to floods; 15,847 families (59,175 persons) were affected due to heavy rains the past few days. In Paddipalai DS division, 55 families (285 individuals) were displaced due to fully damages houses. The Divisional Secretary of Paddipalai division reported after an assessment that, 115 houses were fully damaged and 323 houses were partly damaged. None of the displaced families are given any food assistance as they have been covered by GA/WFP food rations; there is a need for shelter support in the division.

Displacement/Returns

IDPs and Resettlement

- IDP figures have increased slightly from last statistical update (20 December 2007) due to new marriages and births being reflected in the IDP statistics. The current displaced population is 7,046 families (26,512 individuals) living with host families and in IDP camps (19 IDP camps remain). Of the total IDP population, approximately 68% are displaced within Batticaloa District (i.e. displaced from Chenkalady & Kiran DS Divisions).
- No dates have been announced for returns to Kiran or to those areas in Chenkalady where resettlement has not yet taken place. No dates have been announced for the resettlement and/or relocation of Trincomalee IDPs currently accommodated in Batticaloa District.
- The presence of armed non-state actors remains high in IDP camps in Chenkalady DS, creating widespread fear amongst the IDP population. IDPs in Savukady IDP Camp are particularly fearful for their security following the incident on 9 January, when a suspected LTTE cadre was shot and killed outside of the camp by the STF. The presence of armed non-state actors is also linked to the continued looting of materials from IDP camps, including the

theft of a water pump from one of the camps in the Division (a water pump was stolen from another camp in the Division during previous reporting period). The police have again been requested to increase patrols of the IDP camps.

Sector Developments/Gaps

- Water & Sanitation assistance continues at 23 IDP locations (20 Camps, 3 Locations). Agencies are conducting a District-wide assessment to identify Water & sanitation gaps in the conflict & tsunami IDP camps following camp consolidation, flood damage and recent increase in looting/theft of watsan facilities.
- There has been a phase-out of IDP response activities by key watsan actors at the end of 2007. Coordination of remaining actors is on-going to identify gaps and prioritize needs, given the limited resources.
- Local Government agencies providing assistance to IDPs have large sums of outstanding reimbursement payments from the GA's Office. UNICEF will discuss the payment needs with ACLG & GA. The local government is bowsering water, gully sucking, and collecting garbage from IDP camps with financial support of GA's Office/ Central Government. The insecurity around the reimbursement of funds is hindering the emergency response & assistance to IDP camps.

AMPARA DISTRICT

Situation update

- Security forces remain on increased alert throughout the district. Military operation continues in the Kanchikudiaru area, Thirukkivil division.

Flood situation Ampara

- Nearly all of the 20 DS Divisions are affected by flooding with severe flooding in the coastal divisions. As of 9 Jan, there were 69,832 families-affected and 18,895 families displaced.
- With the cessation of rains on 10 Jan., water levels gradually subsided. However, rains resumed early on 11 Jan and the situation worsened. DMU and DS offices are being alerted by the GA to monitor the flood situation and provide urgent responses from the government.
- 9 Jan, UN undertook a quick assessment in Thirukkivil and Alayadivembu, Akkaraipattu Addalachchenai flood-affected divisions.
- The Pottuvil Division faces seasonal flooding from torrential rains associated with the north-east monsoon. Raining began for the first time this season 20-27 Dec 2007 and though it did not result in floods, caused some displacement. Heavy rains started in the Pottuvil area on 5 Jan and minor flooding was initially reported in several areas on 7 Jan. As heavy rains continued on 7 Jan, severe flooding occurred on 8 Jan.
- The DS of Pottuvil reported that more than 8,000 family homes have been flooded. In some areas flooding was as high as 4-5 feet.
- The DS confirmed that 802 families (3,830 people) were displaced in the Kalapukatu area. Floods are also reported in Pakkiyawatta, RM Nagar, Hithayapuram and Kundumadu.
- Buses/ vehicles were unable to operate north or south from Pottuvil. Roads around Urany and between Arugam Bay and Panama were washed out. The lagoon in Arugam Bay flooded all of its banks. This is partially due to the construction of the bridge which is preventing excess water from draining from the lagoon except from one 20 foot drain. The Arugam Bay-Pottuvil Bridge was closed for 3 hours as the land near the bridge on the Pottuvil side became unstable and began to collapse. Repairs were made and the bridge was reopened around 3:30pm on 8 Jan.
- Akkaraipattu-Pottuvil A4 road is not accessible for all vehicles from the second causeway south of Akkaraipattu towards Thirukkivil & vice versa due to damage to the causeway. Ampara-Karaitivu A4 road (for light vehicles) was not accessible from Maavadipalli towards. Ampara-Inginiyagala road was not accessible (for light vehicles) from Kondawattuwaan towards Inginiyagala due to flooding. Ampara-Monaragala A4 road was not accessible (for all vehicles) from Siyambalanda towards Monaragala due to damage to a culvert.
- Some schools in the coastal area were closed the last few days and all economic and social activity affected Divisions were interrupted. It is reported that there is significant damage to infrastructure facilities in the areas.

Displacement>Returns

- UNHCR reports that the number of IDPs from different districts and from within Ampara district remains consistent with no major changes. There are presently 1,525 families (5,695 individuals) displaced in Ampara District.
- UNHCR reported that due to the increased rainfall in Ampara, there was widespread low level flooding especially in the low lying areas. The IDP communities were also affected. There was small scale short term displacement in addition to some precautionary movement; however the situation is not acute. With the decreasing rainfall much of the floodwaters have receded and the IDPs were able to return to their shelters. DSs are providing necessary assistance and dry rations have been sanctioned. The floods have had a direct impact, especially on the livelihood of the IDPs.

Sector Developments/Gaps

- Many IDP locations are flooded and there is a major gap in Care & Maintenance activities. Most latrines are full and hence there is an urgent need for gully sucking services.

Sector Response

KILINOCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
Protection Mine Action	Caritas	Maritimepattu AGA- Mullai	Psycho-social activities, 11 tsunami-affected villages
	Caritas	Kilinochchi	Psycho-social activities in 2 locations
	SCiSL	Kuravil-Poonakary	Workshop, Convention on the Rights of Children, 30 children
	SCiSL	4 villages- Kili	drawing competition, 360 children, art therapy
	SCiSL	Kilinochchi	Distribution, cloth, 9 under-aged recruits released
	SCiSL	Puthukkadu-Kili	Established, CPC-78 members, Children's Club-58 members, play items given
Emergency Shelter/ Camp coordination/ Management	World Vision	Vellankulam-Manthai West	Materials purchased, 150 TS
	SLF	Illippaikadawai-Manthai West	Total 97 TS completed out of 100 with IOM funds
	Caritas	Moonkilaru-Mullaitivu	36 TS constructed for IDPs
	DRC	Manthai East-Mullaitivu	58 TS constructed for IDPs.
Nutrition	Caritas	Kili, Mullai and Thunukkai	Porridge distribution ongoing, 9,071 pre-school children
	Caritas	Kili, Mullai and Thunukkai	Nutritional flour distribution for 1910 primary school children is ongoing.
Education	WUSC	Illuppaikadawai, Manthai West	7 Jan, educational kits, 291 displaced children in a school
	Caritas	Mullaitivu Educational Zone	9 and 10 Jan, educational kits, 341 children in three schools.
Early Recovery	SCiSL	Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts	Workshop, Monitoring & Evaluation, 13 members of 7 local NGOs
	DRC	Karachchi Division-Kili	4 Km internal road rehabilitated.
Food Aid	WFP	Kilinochchi	Transportation, 220MT wheat flour for dry ration distribution

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
Protection	UNHCR	Mannar	Organized street dramas at three locations in Mannar as the final part of their HIV/AIDS Awareness Raising activities for 2007
	World Vision	Mannar	Completed construction of Child Friendly Spaces in Arithimodai, Koorai and Kovilkulam in Manthai West and progressing in Kowankulam, Rasamadhu and Ponthivukandal in Nanaddan DSD
Emergency Shelter Camp Coord/ Mgmt	UNHCR, SLF	Nanaddan/ Mannar	Completed constructions of 82 transitional shelters at Thampanaikkulam relocation site and beneficiaries have moved in
			Completed 7 TS, Kankanithevu & Periyakadaikadu
Education	UNICEF	Mannar and Vavuniya	Completed construction of temporary learning spaces 16 in Manthai West and 6 in Vavuniya North
NFRI	UNHCR	Mannar	Distributed NFRI packages to 27 IDP families

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
Emergency Shelter, Camp Coordination/Mngnt	IOM	Each	5 semi-permanent shelters constructed
		Muttur	Repaired 21 tsunami transitional shelters
WASH	ZOA	Kiliveddy	Distributes 12, 000 liters water /day.
Food Aid	DRC	Karukamunai GN - Each	2 Jan, supplementary food commodities, 250 resettled
			9 Jan, supplementary food commodities, 223 resettled families, Kallady
	WFP	Trinco	109MT, food commodities sent, 32,011 children in 121 schools
		Kantalai and Kuchchaveli	38MT mixed food commodities dispatched, 1,641 participants
		Trincomalee District	13MT, food commodities dispatched, 89 Health volunteers, 3 MOH
Eachchilampattai	Resettled, 7T food commodities sent, 1,116 people		
NFRI	SCiSL	Kiliveddy IDP Transit Site	7 Jan, 670 umbrellas, IDP families and 526 raincoats to children
Early Recovery	IOM	Trincomalee	2 training programmes started, 60 youth, 6 month courses, Certificate of Civil Technology, Diploma in Project Management

BATTICALOA DISTRICT			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
Protection	SCiSL, ISSA	Meeravodai/ Mancholai	year end children's gathering, 400 children, drama DRR through floods
		Kiran East DS	child led cultural program, 500 parents & children
		Mannmunai North/ Vellavelly DS	play & recreational activities, WC & 32 resettled villages
Emergency Shelter	SCiSL, YMCA	Saththurukondan -1 & Kokkuvil-3	child friendly cricket match, 104 children
	World Vision	Eachandivu, Navatkadu, Vilaveduwan	Provided tin sheets/roofing material, 85 families
	HCR/UNOPS	Karadiyanaru	Distributed 14 tool kits to returnee families.
		Vavunatheevu	Distributed 7 full shelter kits and 6 roofing kits to returnee families.
		Saththurukondan 2, Palacholai	Upgraded shelters, IDP camps, elevated platforms, electricity
WASH	Oxfam GB	3 schools in Vaharai div.	Installed solar power system to ensure regular water supply
		Paddipalai MOH office	Provided Del Aqua kit for the bacteriological water quality test
	CRDO, NERTRA, Sarvodaya	4 GNs-Vavuna & 1 GN- Paddip	Organized total 16-village level cleaning events
	Oxfam GB/ NERTRA, CRDO	2 GNs-Paddi & 1 GN of Vavuna DS	Reactivated 94 well user committees
	World Vision	Alankulam & Vavunatheevu	Bowsering 19,500 L drinking water/daily, resettled areas
Health	MERLIN	Vaharai, MN, Chenk & West Batti	Mobile Medical Clinics, 2 teams, 1,539 cases attended
		Alankulam , Thandamali, Kollanullai Navakadu	Trained 130 Community Based Volunteers (CBV)
		In the district	80 health professionals, trained in infection control practices
	UNICEF	Batticaloa Teaching Hospital	stabilized electrical fluctuation, ensured proper, continuous usage, medical equipment at Special Premature Baby Unit
Education	World Vision	Vaharai DS	Conducted catch up education classes, 90 children
Agriculture Food Security	World Vision	Vaharai, Paddip, Vellavelly, Vavuna	seed paddy, 3,550 persons, chena cultivation seeds 800 persons
Food and Nutrition	World Vision	Alankulam in Vaharai div.	Distributed 1 week dry ration for 415 families
NFRI	UNICEF	Mahilavettuwan GN in Vavuna	Distributed 500 hygiene kits to resettled families

Abbreviations of places	
Trinco – Trincomalee Kuch - Kuchchaveli Thampa – Thampalakamam Batti - Batticaloa Aray - Arayampathy Chenk - Chenkalady KPN - Koralai Pattu North (**Vaharai) DS, KP - Koralai Pattu (**Valachchenai) DS EP - Eravur Pattu (**Chenk) DS KPC - Koralai Pattu Central Kalu - Kaluwanchikudy Padd - Paddiruppu	Kalk – Kalkudah Vavuna – Vavunatheevu Paddip – Paddipalai Valach – Valachchenai Amp – Ampara Akka - Akkaraipattu Kal – Kalmunai Thiruk - Thirukkovil, Adda – Addalachanai Navi - Navithanveli Kili – Kilinochchi Kilive – Kiliiveddy Mullai - Mullaitivu

* Manthai West is located in Mannar district but covered by the OCHA Kilinochchi Field Office

** Name used for easy reference

Acronyms	
ACLG - Assistant Commissioner Local Government ADGM - age, gender and diversity mainstreaming AP - Anti-Personnel ASC - Area Security Coordinator CBO - Community Based Organisations CCHA - Consultative Committee on Humanitarian Assistance CF - child friendly CFA - Cease Fire Agreement CFE - Child Friendly Environment CM - Camp Management C&M - Care and Maintenance CRDO - Community Resource Development Organsiation CSB - Corn Soya Blend DAPH - Department of Animal Production and Health DDMC - District Disaster Management Coordinator DDMU - District Disaster Management Unit DMU - Disaster Management Unit DoA - Department of Agriculture DPDHS- Deputy Provincial Director of Health Services DPU - Deep Penetration Unit DRMU - Disaster Risk Management Unit DRR - Disaster Risk Reduction DSD- Divisional Secretariat Division Each - Eachchilampattai ECCDC - Early Childhood Care and Development Centers ECE - Early Childhood Education ECHO - Humanitarian Aid Department EVI - Extremely Vulnerable Individual FDL - Forward Defence Line FFE - Food for Education FFW - Food for Work FSA - Field Security Advisor FSD - Swiss Foundation for Mine Action GND - Grama Niladari Division GP - Guiding Principles GRC - German Red Cross	GTMS - Government Tamil Mixed School GVC - Gruppo Volontariato Civile HRC - Human Rights Commission HSZ - High Security Zone ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross MA - Mine Action MCN - Mother and Child Nutrition MN - Manmunai North WWDF - Working Women Development Foundation ZEO - Zonal Education Office MoD - Ministry of Defense MOH - Medical Officer of Health MRE - Mine Risk Education MSF - Doctors Without Borders NECORD - North East Community Restoration Development NPA - Norwegian People Aid NWS&DB - National Water Supply Drainage Board PHM - Public Health Midwives PS - Pradeshiya Saba RDA - Road Development Authority RDS - Rural Development Society RSG - Representative of the Secretary General RCTMS - Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed School rwh - rain water harvesting SBM - School Based Management SCC - Shelter Coordination Cell SCiSL - Save the Children in Sri Lanka SDS - School Development Society SLF - Sewa Lanka Foundation SLRCS - Sri Lanka Red Cross Society SM - Social Mobilization TDH - Terre des hommes ToT - Training of Trainers TS - Temporary Shelter TMVP - Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal WC - Welfare Center