

SITUATION REPORT # 109

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

10-17 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



KILINCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

Situation update

- The situation in the Vanni is increasingly tense due to regular, nearly daily aerial bombardments including on 17 Jan in Kili Town, in which OXFAM and Care offices incurred material damage.
- Uyilankulam entry/exit point remains closed for movements since 3 September 2007.

Displacement/Returns

- No reported displacements.

Sector Developments/Gaps

- 11 Jan, World Vision stopped bowsering water to IDP locations in Manthai West. As an interim solution, however, water was distributed by World vision in Paaliyaru, Vellankulam and Ganasapuram on 13 & 14 January.

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS

Situation update

- The security situation in Mannar and Vavuniya remains tense.
- SLMM personnel left the districts on 12 January 2008.

Displacement/Returns

- Forty-three new IDPs arrived from LTTE-controlled areas to government-controlled parts of Mannar District. UNHCR is providing material and legal assistance, as well as lobbying with Mannar authorities to ensure that the new IDPs are registered and appropriately assisted.

Sector Developments/Gaps

- UNHCR continues to monitor and provide assistance at the Musali IDP sites in Nanattan. IDPs continue to express their desire to return home as soon as possible.
- 10 & 11 January, UNHCR held several meetings with the authorities and civil society in Mannar in relation to Confidence Building and Stabilization Measures (CBSM).
- Due to shelling, the Adampan hospital was moved to Vellankaulm in Manthai west. With the move, there is a need for two semi-permanent structures to accommodate patients. RDHS Mannar reports that In-patients needing urgent care cannot be managed without adequate space.
- RDHS – Mannar reports that approval was denied for the transportation of fourth quarter medicine and fuel for ambulance services in the LTTE controlled area of Mannar. Difficulties continue in transporting emergency cases to Mannar and Vavuniya.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Situation update

- The situation remains tense. Intensive cordon and search operations are reported in different parts of the district.
- 14 Jan, doctors working at the General Hospital in Trincomalee staged a token strike protesting against a threat and demand for money made to doctor by an unidentified gunmen. The gunmen injected the doctor with a substance, making him unconscious. The doctor was subsequently admitted to Colombo General Hospital.
- The SLMM withdrew from Trincomalee district on 11 January.
- A USAID mission from Colombo and Washington was in Trincomalee on 13 & 14 Jan and visited resettled areas of Trincomalee south. The mission met with government authorities and agencies, with a particular view to stabilization measures for the East.
- The Defence Ministry reported that an LTTE leader for Trincomalee south was killed on 16 Jan in Pachchanoor.

Displacement>Returns

- The Government reported that it would de-securitize 5 GN divisions in the Muttur/ Sampoor HSZ and resettle 2,000 families there. Agencies are requesting that authorities provide information on plans to enable agency to incorporate support into 2008 financial plans.

Sector Developments/Gaps

- UNICEF through the EDO conducted a rapid assessment amongst school aged children in the recently resettled areas in Uppooral and Seenanveli villages in Seruvila DS. 87% of children do not have birth certificates, and 48% of children are behind one or more school grades.
- UNICEF took part in a joint assessment with UNHRC in Seenanveli and Uppooral on 14 Jan, where it was discovered that teachers have not returned to Uppooral. Gaps have been communicated to relevant education authorities for immediate action.
- PIN made an agreement with the Ministry of Resettlement to reconstruct houses in Poomarathadichchenai, Eachchilampattai DS division. Accordingly, the government was to provide the initial payment of Rs. 50, 000 to the families and PIN was to top-up with Rs. 275, 000 to complete the house. The project has been pending for more than 3 months, awaiting initial payment by the government.
- Health authorities in Trincomalee have reported delays in fund transfers for 2008 activities.

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.
- As a result of heightened tensions in the District, there are increased searches at checkpoints.
- A Hartal (work stoppage) was called by the Muslim community in the district on 14 Jan to protest against the shooting incident of three Muslim men shot at (and injured) on 12 Jan.
- 17 Jan, a Hartal was called by a Tamil-led political group to protest against an incident reported to have taken place at a Hindu temple in Arayampathy (according to leaflets distributed).
- USAID and US State Department (from Washington DC) officials visited Batticaloa district and held several meetings with beneficiaries, INGO and UN community as well as civil and security government officials to assess stabilization / recovery measures. Several security issues were raised both by the Government and humanitarian actors regarding and priorities that will need to be addressed to ensure sustainable returns.

Displacement>Returns

- 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 change from last week).
- There has been no official communication on the next round of returns to Chenkalady.

Sector Developments/Gaps

- WFP reports there may be approximately 90-95% gap in complementary food in the district after end January 2008 as agencies are pulling out from their assistance in complementary food.

AMPARA DISTRICT

Situation update

- The claymore attack targeting a civilian bus in Buttala on 16 January caused further tension in the Ampara District.
- The flood situation has normalized although livelihood activities in most areas the District have been affected; in particular, cultivation areas have been damaged. Due to flooding the livelihood of IDP's has been severely affected as many of the IDPs were day wage earners. Most of the industries the IDPs were working on, namely brick making, have come to a standstill. A further possible income from the rice harvest has also been lost.

Displacement>Returns

- UNHCR reports that there are 1,525 families (5,695 individuals) displaced in Ampara District.

Sector Developments/Gaps

- UNHCR reports that there are isolated cases where IDPs have remained unregistered mainly due to the procedural requirements / lack of initiative or capacity. There are also cases where IDPs have moved from one GS division to another due to the availability of livelihood options but IDP have not been registered by the GSs/DSs
- The issue of letters requesting IDPs in Ampara originating from Batticaloa to return to their places of origin was raised with the GA by UNHCR. The GA indicated that there is no policy to return the IDPs especially if they are living with friends and family and also that he would raise the issue with the DSs in Ampara and with the DSs in Batticaloa. The GA reiterated that the IDPs were free to return to Batticaloa but should do so freely.
- Although there are moves by some local authorities to "deregister" the IDPs from Batticaloa and Trincomalee, most of the remaining IDPs have indicated that they are unable to return either because their homes are within the newly created high security zones, their houses are occupied by security forces, their villages are in isolated locations, no livelihood opportunities are available including security forces not allowing families to work on their land, loss of livestock, continued checking and screening, the presence of armed groups, etc. IDP families have been on go and see visits but feel that the present situation is not conducive for their return.
- Field reports indicate that some IDP sites are without proper sanitation facilities mainly caused by the cessation of gully sucking operations by relevant authorities, resulting from the non availability of a waste dumping site. A request has been made to the GA during bilateral meetings, to convene a meeting with relevant stakeholders to discuss how this situation can be resolved. The situation has become increasingly difficult due to the recent flooding.

Sector Response

KILINOCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
Protection Mine Action	SCiSL	2 villages in Mullai	Workshop on Convention on Rights of Children, 76 children
	World Vision	Madu division-Mannar	Psycho-social and peace building programmes, 5 CFSs.
	Caritas	Mullaitivu town areas	Psycho-social programmes, identification 4 psychiatric patients, treatment
	Solidar	Kandawalai AGA Division-Kili	Status assessments among 139 TS constructed beginning of 2007
Emergency Shelter/ Camp coordination/ Management	Solidar	Paliyaru-Manthai West	Completed 10 semi-permanent latrines.
	Solidar	Kandawalai-Kili	Maintenance, 15 latrines beginning of 2007
Nutrition	Solidar	Akkarayan Hospital-Kili	Internal wiring, government hospital (QIPs)
	Caritas	Alampil and Kallappadu, Mullai	Distribution, educational materials, 635 displaced students
Health	Caritas	Karukkaikulam-Kili	Distribution, educational materials, 25 IDP students
Education	SCiSL	Three ECCDCs in Mullaitivu	Provided furniture, 110 children & 7 teachers
	World Vision	Madu Division-Mannar	Distributed learning & educational material, 5 CFS
		Manthai West-Mannar	Distributed learning & educational material, 5 schools
Early Recovery	Solidar	3 locations in Kili	20 flood-affected families given NFRI assistance
	SCiSL	Vivekanandanagar-Kili	bed sheets & towel provided, 31 children

Food Aid	WFP	Kili	Transportation, 92MT Dhal, 15MT vegetable oil, dry ration distribution
	Solidar	4 locations in Mullai	Cash assistance, 98 beneficiaries, Rs. 3000

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
Emergency Shelter	CARE	Mannar / Nanaddan	Completed 85 emergency shelters, Kowwankulam
	IOM	Mannar / Nanaddan	Completed 100 shelters, Achchankulam, Nanattan, Pallankodai
	CARE	Mannar/ Manthai West	Constructed 14 emergency shelters, Thevampity
	IOM and SLF	Mannar/ Manthai West	Completed 143 shelters, handed over to IDPs
WASH	OXFAM	Mannar / Nanaddan	Constructed 6 permanent toilets, Church land Nanaddan, 35 families
	CARE	Mannar/ Manthai West	Water supply started, 9 water tanks installed , Thevampity
Health	OXFAM	Mannar / Nanaddan	Distributed 403 hygienic kits, 80 baby kits, Moddaikadai, Kaddaikadu, Illakadipitti, Umanakeri, Church compound & Rice mill
	CARE	Kowwankulam/ Nanaddan	Distributed 107 individual garbage bins, IDP & host families
Education	IOM	Mannar	110 Indian Returnee students received, school kits
NFRI	UNHCR	Mannar	Distributed NFRI packages, 40 IDP families
	UNHCR	Vavuniya DSD	Distributed NFRI, 63 new IDP families
Infrastructure	IOM	Mannar Town	Completed construction, Modern Fish Market building

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
WASH	ZOA	Kiliveddy	Distributes 12, 000 L water /day
Education	UNICEF	Each	Supporting 1 volunteer, basic furniture/equipment, Trincomalee Land & District Registrars, process additional 2,000 birth certificate applications. CHA assist at school level, NRC covers stamp duty
Food Aid	DRC	Illankaithurai, Vaddavan	Distributed supplementary food & consumable packs, 220 families
	WFP	Trinco T&G, Morawewa, Thampa DS	16 MT commodities sent, 6,812 children in 22 schools
		Kantalai, Muttur, Kinniya and Thampa DS	40 MT mixed food commodities dispatched, 952 participants
		Kinniya and Muttur MOH divisions	15 MT food commodities dispatched, 131 Health volunteers, MCN
Early Recovery	IOM	Each, Kinniya, Seruvila, Kuch DS	103 MT food commodities dispatched, 11,227 people
		Trinco T&G, Kuch, Morawewa DS	Installed 20 solar street lamps,
		T&G, Kuch, Morawewa, Thampa, Kinniya, Each DS	distributed 47 solar lanterns
		Trinco T&G, Morawewa, Kuch DS	installed 3 solar light units (10 bulb units)
		T&G, Morawewa, Kinniya, Kuch	installed 19 solar light units (6 bulbs units)
		T&G, Morawewa, Thampa, Kuch	installed 13 solar water pumps

BATTICALOA DISTRICT			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
Protection	SCiSL/ AHAM/ YMCA/ ISSA	Food Ware House, Mananthoduwai and Meeravodai	Facilitated a child consultation on their participation, 300 children
		Kalmadu in Valachchenai	Facilitated a child led cultural program, 600 parents & children
	UNHCR	IDP sites & return areas	Field monitoring, referrals, follow up unregistered IDPs, protection partners
Emergency Shelter	UNHCR	Palacholai IDP site, Chenk	UNOPS installed wooden platforms 10 inches off the ground, 48 shelters
			UNOPS set-up 5 fire extinguisher posts
		Sathrukondan IDP site, MN	UNOPS finalized electricity installation
WASH	arche noVa	Mavadvembu IDP camp	One 6 inch borehole constructed for distribution system
		Kurukkalmadam IDP camp	Well cleaning started
		7 IDP camps – MN, Chenk DS	Hygiene promotion activities, identified needs and basic cleaning held
Health	MERLIN	Vaharai, MN, Chenk, West Batti	Continuing mobile medical clinics with 2 teams, 757 cases attended to
		Paddipalai MOH area	Trained 124 community health mediators
Agriculture Food Security	World Vision	5 GNs- Vellavelly DS	distributed 75 lagoon canoes
Early Recovery	SCiSL	10 GNs - Vellavelly DS	Conducted a 1 day training, technical extension services, livestock rearing for 100 beneficiaries
			Initiated monitoring process- agriculture related activities
	UNHCR	Palchenai, Vaharai	QIP training center, 7 culverts under construction while 3 complete
		Karaveddy, Vavunatheevu	Construction multi-purpose community building on-going

AMPARA DISTRICT				
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity	
WASH	CARE	Akkaraipattu	2 nd & final installment cash grant, 85 persons toilet & well construction	
	SCiSL	Adda, Akka, Alaya, Thiruk, Lahugala	50,000 packets, Samaposhha (supplementary food for children)	
	GTZ	Pothuvil	Dry rations, 2,425 families	
	ADRA	Pothuvil	322 breakfast, 500 lunch, 215 dinner, 1197 dry ration packets- 750 families	
Food	World Vision	Alayadiwembu, Pothuvil	2,034 cooked meals	
	Ramkrishnan Charity	Alayadiwembu	260 emergency relief packs	
	ActionAid	Pothuvil	Dry rations, 729 families	
	Mercy Corps	Adda, Akka, Alaya	483 emergency relief packs	
	SLRCS	Alaya, Thiruk, Pottu	131 cooked meals, dry rations for 1,225 families	
	CHA	Akkaraipattu, Alayadiwembu,	500 lunch & 300 dinner pkts, 1,000 cooked meals, dry rations	
	SLF	5 GNs	Dry food rations, 1350 families on 10 & 14 Jan	
Education	UNICEF	Sammanthurai ZDE Zone	Education materials distributed, children of flood-affected families	
Early Recovery	CARE	Uhana	1 st installment, 20 beneficiaries, start/expand poultry farming, business	
NFRI	SCiSL	Adda, Akka, Alaya, Thiruk, Lahugala	3,000 bed sheets & plastic Mats, 311 mops, 130 brooms, 763 scrub brush, 2,000 pairs rubber gloves, 5,000 mosquito nets, 3,000 soap, 5,285 hygienic packs	
		CARE	Akka, Thiruk, Alaya, Saint, Navi, Uhana	Provided 25 sets tool kits , clean water logged surroundings
			Akka, Alaya, Saint	Provided 17 water storage tanks to PS
			Akka, Thiruk, Alaya	Provided loader, clean logged drainage system
			Eragama - Pattiyadipitty Bridge	Tools, deployed 50 persons for 2 days, CFW basis, clean under bridge
		Thiruk, Alaya, Akka	provided 85 man days work, clean drainage system	
	Handicap Intl	Akka, Alaya, Sann	2 toilet seats, 90 bed sheets provided, 45 handicapped persons assessed	
	SLRCS	Alayadiwembu	110 hygiene kits provided	
ZOA	Navithanveli	assisted with boat		

Abbreviations of places	
Trinco – Trincomalee	Kalk – Kalkudah
Kuch - Kuchchaveli	Vavuna – Vavunatheevu
Thampa – Thampalakamam	Paddip – Paddipalai
Batti - Batticaloa	Valach – Valachchenai
Aray - Arayampathy	Amp – Ampara
Chenk - Chenkalady	Akka - Akkaraipattu
KPN - Koralai Pattu North (**Vaharai) DS,	Kal – Kalmunai
KP - Koralai Pattu (**Valachchenai) DS	Thiruk - Thirukkovil,
EP - Eravur Pattu (**Chenk) DS	Adda – Addalachanai
KPC - Koralai Pattu Central	Navi - Navithanveli
Kalu - Kaluwanchikudy	Kili – Kilinochchi
Padd - Paddiruppu	Kilive – Kiliveddy
	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	GTMS - Government Tamil Mixed School
ADGM - age, gender and diversity mainstreaming	GVC - Gruppo Volontariato Civile
AP - Anti-Personnel	HRC - Human Rights Commission
ASC - Area Security Coordinator	HSZ - High Security Zone
CBO - Community Based Organisations	ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross
CBSM - Confidence Building and Stabilization Measures	MA - Mine Action
CCHA - Consultative Committee on Humanitarian Assistance	MCN - Mother and Child Nutrition
CF - child friendly	MN - Manmunai North
CFA - Cease Fire Agreement	ZEO - Zonal Education Office
CFE - Child Friendly Environment	MoD - Ministry of Defense
CM - Camp Management	MOH - Medical Officer of Health
C&M - Care and Maintenance	MRE - Mine Risk Education
CRDO - Community Resource Development Organsiation	MSF - Doctors Without Borders
CSB - Corn Soya Blend	NECORD - North East Community Restoration Development
DAPH - Department of Animal Production and Health	NPA - Norwegian People Aid
DDMC - District Disaster Management Coordinator	NWS&DB - National Water Supply Drainage Board
DDMU - District Disaster Management Unit	PHM - Public Health Midwives
DMU - Disaster Management Unit	PS - Pradeshiya Saba
DoA - Department of Agriculture	QIP - Quick Impact Project
DPDHS- Deputy Provincial Director of Health Services	RDA - Road Development Authority
DPU - Deep Penetration Unit	RDS - Rural Development Society
DRMU - Disaster Risk Management Unit	RSG - Representative of the Secretary General
DRR - Disaster Risk Reduction	RCTMS - Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed School
DSD- Divisional Secretariat Division	rwh - rain water harvesting
Each - Eachchilampattai	SBM - School Based Management
ECCDC - Early Childhood Care and Development Centers	SCC - Shelter Coordination Cell
ECE - Early Childhood Education	SciSL - Save the Children in Sri Lanka
ECHO - Humanitarian Aid Department	SDS - School Development Society
EVI - Extremely Vulnerable Individual	SLF - Sewa Lanka Foundation
FDL - Forward Defence Line	SLMM - Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission
FFE - Food for Education	SLRCS - Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
FFW - Food for Work	SM - Social Mobilization
FSA - Field Security Advisor	TDH - Terre des hommes
FSD - Swiss Foundation for Mine Action	ToT - Training of Trainers
GND - Grama Niladari Division	TS - Temporary Shelter
GP - Guiding Principles	TMVP - Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal
GRC - German Red Cross	WC - Welfare Center
	WWDF - Working Women Development Foundation