

## Joint UN North East Situation Monitoring Report

April 2008

Attached below is the joint UN agency North East situation monitoring report. This report is intended to give an overview of the current situation in the North East by tracking the trends of various conflict-sensitive indicators. The table on the next page lists data for the three most recent months.

*Note that full commitment, as indicated by timely, regular reporting from all responsible agencies, is required in order to make this report useful as a decision-making tool.*

The following interpretations can be made for the month of April based on the data available:

### **North East:**

- 6 cases of underage recruitment and 28 releases are reported for April 2008. Please note that figures for March and February 2008 have been modified as new data was received.
- The number of security incidents involving humanitarian aid workers has increased to 96. Please see comments on the last page.
- The number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons remains at 72.
- 5 hartals have been reported for March 2008.
- 1 day of closure in primary and secondary schools is reported throughout the North and East, with 12 school in Ampara concerned. 8,000 children did not attend school for at least one day during April. Please see comments on the last page.
- The average market price of rice has increased throughout the North and East except in Kilinochchi.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour remains stable in Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Ampara, while wages have increased in Jaffna and Kilinochchi.

### **Jaffna:**

- The average market price of rice has increased from 76 to 86 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread has increased from 46 to 48 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of kerosene remains stable at 85 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of vegetable oil and lentils has decreased.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour have increased by Rs. 25 each.

### **Kilinochchi:**

- The average market price of rice, bread, kerosene and lentils remain stable.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 245 to 310 Rs./litre.
- Average daily wages for skilled labour has increased from Rs. 550 to 725 while average daily wages for unskilled labour has increased from Rs. 400 to 600.

### **Mannar:**

- The average market price of rice has increased from 61 to 72 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 248 to 255 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of kerosene has decreased from 83 to 82 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of lentils and bread remains stable.

### **Mullaitivu:**

- Information on prices of monitored commodities are available for April 2008. However, no comparison can be made as no information is available for March 2008.

### **Vavuniya:**

- The average market price of bread remains stable at 40 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.

### **Trincomalee:**

- The average market price of rice, bread and lentils has increased.
- The average market price of bread, vegetable oil and kerosene has decreased.

### **Batticaloa:**

- The average market price of rice, vegetable oil, and lentils has increased.
- The average market price of bread and kerosene has decreased.

### **Ampara:**

- The average market price of rice has increased from 63 to 64 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities remains stable.

***Please note that this April report does not cover the recent developments in the country.***

Indicator	Unit	Month	Ampara	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Trincomalee	Vavuniya	Total	Average	Resp.	Trends / Comments	
1.1	Primary and secondary school closure days, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Apr-08	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.13	UNICEF	See comments on last page	
			Mar-08	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1			0.13
			Feb-08	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2			8
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Apr-08	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	UNICEF	See comments on last page	
			Mar-08	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1			
			Feb-08	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	101			104
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Apr-08	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000	UNICEF	See comments on last page	
			Mar-08	0	0	0	0	0	114	0	0	114			
			Feb-08	250	0	0	771	0	0	0	36,850	37,871			
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Apr-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	WHO		
			Mar-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
			Feb-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Apr-08	64	88	86	34	72	32	67	71	64	WFP		
			Mar-08	63	59	76	34	61	N/A	63	62	60			
			Feb-08	65	68	75	34	60	N/A	67	59	61			
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Apr-08	38	42	48	38	40	38	40	40	41	WFP		
			Mar-08	38	43	46	38	40	N/A	38	40	40			
			Feb-08	38	44	43	37	40	N/A	40	40	40			
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Apr-08	340	356	258	310	255	310	238	265	291	WFP		
			Mar-08	340	333	269	245	248	N/A	283	225	277			
			Feb-08	340	298	210	230	220	N/A	226	235	251			
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Apr-08	71	76	85	110	82	110	78	83	87	WFP		
			Mar-08	71	78	85	110	83	N/A	80	82	84			
			Feb-08	72	76	85	115	82	N/A	76	83	84			
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Apr-08	140	166	115	70	148	70	160	150	127	WFP		
			Mar-08	140	148	116	70	148	N/A	150	148	131			
			Feb-08	130	134	120	70	139	N/A	137	145	125			
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Apr-08	950	1,200	650	725			1200		945.00	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.	
			Mar-08	950	1,200	625	550	-	-	1200	-	905.00			
			Feb-08	950	1,200	650	-	-	-	950	-	937.50			
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Apr-08	650	600	550	600			700		620.00	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.	
			Mar-08	650	600	525	400	-	-	700	-	575.00			
			Feb-08	650	600	500	-	-	-	650	-	600.00			
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Apr-08	58	7	-61	15	18	N/A	28	28	13.29	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Mar-08	110	21	-65	19	34	N/A	14	13	20.86			
			Feb-08	110	42	-49	-6	43	N/A	18	0	22.57			
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Apr-08	145	37	-6	14	25	N/A	40	14	38.43	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Mar-08	145	33	-6	20	25	N/A	6	14	33.86			
			Feb-08	145	77	0	33	0	N/A	42	14	44.43			
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Apr-08	25	22	-68	11	20	N/A	24	11	6.43	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Mar-08	25	25	-70	-11	11	N/A	40	11	4.43			
			Feb-08	13	40	-58	13	20	N/A	12	11	7.29			
3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Apr-08	144	227	-45	14	57	N/A	38	130	80.71	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Mar-08	64	125	-62	-9	52	N/A	14	110	42.00			
			Feb-08	46	83	-50	12	38	N/A	5	37	24.43			
4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Apr-08	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.75	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.
			Mar-08	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0.50		
			Feb-08	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.88		

Indicator	Unit	Month	Ampara	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Trincomalee	Vavuniya	Total	Average	Resp.	Trends / Comments		
4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Apr-08	1	28	0	0	0	0	1	30	3.75	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.		
			Mar-08	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3			0.38	
			Feb-08	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			3	0.38
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Apr-08	5,188	24,987	31,037	48,834	25,193	32,289	5,668	10,968	184,164		UNHCR		
			Mar-08	5,569	26,038	30,778	48,745	23,094	32,147	5,719	10,968	183,058				
			Feb-08	5,695	26,484	31,037	48,547	23,576	32,117	5,911	10,657	184,024				
5.1	Hartals	Number	Apr-08	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5		UN DSS		
			Mar-08	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3			
			Feb-08	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	2	8				
5.2	Security incidents involving civilians - fatalities	Number	Apr-08	4	5	7	9	3	0	1	3	32		UN DSS		
			Mar-08	8	1	6	9	0	0	3	4	31				
			Feb-08	12	1	3	16	0	0	6	2	40				
5.3	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - fatalities	Number	Apr-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS		
			Mar-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
			Feb-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
5.4	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - injuries	Number	Apr-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS		
			Mar-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
			Feb-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
5.5	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Apr-08	6	0	0	1	0	0	8	81	96		UN DSS	See comments on last page	
			Mar-08	5	5	0	0	0	0	4	44	58				
			Feb-08	7	14	0	0	1	0	5	7	34				
5.6	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Apr-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR		
			Mar-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
			Feb-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
5.7	Disappearances reported to the Human Rights Commission	Number	Apr-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR		
			Mar-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
			Feb-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Apr-08	136	100	57	72	63	50	130	57		OCHA	See comments on last page		
			Mar-08	136	99	57	72	63	50	140	57					
			Feb-08	136	98	56	68	60	50	140	57					
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Apr-08	-	3	0	37	6	25	0	1	72		OCHA		
			Mar-08	-	3	0	37	6	25	0	1	72				
			Feb-08	-	3	0	37	6	25	0	1	72				
6.3	Description of UN activities that have been suspended / delayed or put on hold due to security/conflict (optional)		provided in attached narrative										All			

Key	-	No Report		Current Month
	N/A	Not Available		Last Month
	0	Reported as Zero		Two Months Ago

**Narrative Report**

The following information is voluntarily provided by agencies, to supplement the indicator table above.

Agency	Comments
UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Ampara, an additional 19 schools were officially closed for 02 days in April (29 and 30) and one day in May (2 May). This affected 10,000 children. It has been reported that these schools were closed due to preparations for May Day celebrations at Dehiyathakandya.</li> </ul>
UN DSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total number of 96 security incidents involving humanitarian workers includes 81 reports from Vavuniya on the search of UN vehicles and staff at the main entry/ exit points in the district.</li> </ul>
UN OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Batticaloa, the number of agencies has increased from 99 to 100 as one local NGO (Rural Development Planning Organization) was added.</li> <li>• In Trincomalee, the number of agencies has decreased from 140 to 130 as 24 organizations (10 INGOs, 12 NGOs and 2 UN) left the district while 14 organizations (5 INGOs, 3 IOs, 4 NGOs and 2 UN) started work in the district in April 2008.</li> </ul>

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