

Joint UN North East Situation Monitoring Report

June 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 June based on the data available:

North East:

- 7 cases of underage recruitment and 2 releases are reported for June 2008. Please note that figures for May and April 2008 have been modified as new data was received.
- The number of security incidents involving humanitarian aid workers is 56.
- The number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons remains at 72.
- 2 hartals have been reported for June 2008.
- No days of closure of primary and secondary schools are reported throughout the North and East.
- The average market price of rice has increased throughout the North and East except in Vavuniya and Mannar where it has decreased.
- The average market price of kerosene has increased throughout the North and East except in Mullaitivu where it remains stable.

Jaffna:

- The average market price of rice, lentils and kerosene has increased.
- The average market price of bread remains stable at 48 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 235 to 230 Rs./litre.
- Average daily wages for skilled labour have increased from Rs. 650 to 700 while average daily wages for unskilled labour remain stable at Rs. 550.

Kilinochchi:

- The average market price of rice and kerosene has increased.
- The average market price of bread and vegetable oil remains stable.
- The average market price of lentils has decreased from 65 to 63 Rs./kg.
- Average daily wages for skilled labour remain stable at Rs. 725 while average daily wages for unskilled labour have decreased from Rs. 600 to 475.

Mannar:

- The average market price of vegetable oil, kerosene and lentils has increased.
- The average market price of rice has decreased from 67 to 65 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread remains stable at 45 Rs./loaf.

Mullaitivu:

- The average market price of rice has increased from 35 to 39 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of lentils has decreased from 70 to 68 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread, vegetable oil and kerosene remains stable.

Vavuniya:

- The average market price of kerosene and lentils has increased.
- The average market price of rice and vegetable oil has decreased.
- The average market price of bread remains stable at 40 Rs./loaf.

Trincomalee:

- The average market price of rice, kerosene and lentils has increased.
- The average market price of bread and vegetable oil has decreased.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour has decreased to Rs.950 and Rs. 650 respectively.

Batticaloa:

- The average market price of all monitored commodities has increased.
- Average daily wages for skilled labour have decreased from Rs. 1,300 to 1,000 while average daily wages for unskilled labour have decreased from Rs. 700 to 600.

Ampara:

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

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

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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	Jun-08	N/A	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0.00	UNICEF		
			May-08	0	6	10	1	N/A	1	1	N/A	19			3.17
			Apr-08	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			0.13
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Jun-08	N/A	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	UNICEF		
			May-08	0	43	1	101	N/A	106	22	N/A	273			
			Apr-08	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12			
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Jun-08	N/A	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	UNICEF		
			May-08	0	19,218	941	370,308	N/A	34,025	6,990	N/A	431,482			
			Apr-08	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000			
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Jun-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	WHO		
			May-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
			Apr-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Jun-08	68	71	100	38	65	39	70	66		65	WFP	
			May-08	65	67	95	36	67	35	67	67	67	62		
			Apr-08	64	88	86	34	72	32	67	71	64	64		
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Jun-08	38	52	48	38	45	38	40	40		42	WFP	
			May-08	38	39	48	38	45	38	43	40	40	41		
			Apr-08	38	42	48	38	40	38	40	40	40	41		
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Jun-08	340	363	230	300	285	300	227	253		287	WFP	
			May-08	340	337	235	300	283	300	235	245	245	284		
			Apr-08	340	356	258	310	255	310	238	265	292	292		
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Jun-08	79	82	90	120	87	120	86	87		94	WFP	
			May-08	76	78	88	115	84	120	73	85	85	90		
			Apr-08	71	76	85	110	82	110	78	83	87	87		
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Jun-08	163	218	150	63	185	68	220	193		157	WFP	
			May-08	140	182	140	65	175	70	186	180	142	142		
			Apr-08	140	166	115	70	148	70	160	150	127	127		
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Jun-08	950	1,000	700	725	850	725	950	-		842.86	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			May-08	950	1,300	650	725	850	-	1200	-	-	945.83		
			Apr-08	950	1,200	650	725	-	-	1200	-	-	945.00		
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Jun-08	650	600	550	475	550	475	650	-		564.29	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			May-08	650	700	550	600	550	-	700	-	-	625.00		
			Apr-08	650	600	550	600	-	-	700	-	-	620.00		
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Jun-08	58	34	-56	60	-12		31	-7		15.43	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			May-08	58	31	-51	-11	3	N/A	32	36		14.00		
			Apr-08	58	7	-61	15	18	N/A	28	28		13.29		
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Jun-08	118	37	-13	17	11		9	3		26.00	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			May-08	145	46	-6	40	43	N/A	44	13		46.43		
			Apr-08	145	37	-6	14	25	N/A	40	14		38.43		
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Jun-08	38	33	-63	20	20		40	8		13.71	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			May-08	25	22	-58	10	20	N/A	29	0		6.86		
			Apr-08	25	22	-68	11	20	N/A	24	11		6.43		
3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Jun-08	115	165	-0.68	-4	34		13	-3		45.62	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			May-08	155	251	-43	45	132	N/A	114	102		108.00		
			Apr-08	144	227	-45	14	57	N/A	38	130		80.71		
4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Jun-08	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	7	0.88	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.
			May-08	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	0.63		
			Apr-08	0	6	0	4	0	0	1	0	11	1.38		

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4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Jun-08	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.25	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.
			May-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00		
			Apr-08	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	1	36		
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Jun-08	5,106	18,708	28,573	50,469	25,314	32,649	5,427	12,934	179,180	UNHCR	
			May-08	5,106	18,708	28,573	50,469	25,314	32,649	5,427	12,934	179,180		
			Apr-08	5,188	18,708	31,037	48,834	25,193	32,289	5,668	10,968	184,164		
5.1	Hartals	Number	Jun-08	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	UN DSS	
			May-08	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	7		
			Apr-08	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5		
5.2	Security incidents involving civilians - fatalities	Number	Jun-08	1	2	6	0	4	11	2	16	42	UN DSS	
			May-08	12	6	10	9	0	0	5	9	51		
			Apr-08	4	5	7	9	3	0	1	3	32		
5.3	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - fatalities	Number	Jun-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	UN DSS	
			May-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Apr-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5.4	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - injuries	Number	Jun-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	UN DSS	
			May-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Apr-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5.5	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Jun-08	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	56	UN DSS	
			May-08	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
			Apr-08	6	0	0	1	0	0	8	81	96		
5.6	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Jun-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	UN OHCHR	
			May-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		
			Apr-08	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	Jun-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	UN OHCHR	
			May-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		
			Apr-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Jun-08	140	106	57	79	63	51	129	58	OCHA		
			May-08	135	105	57	79	63	51	134	58			
			Apr-08	136	100	57	72	63	50	130	57			
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Jun-08	-	3	0	37	6	27	0	1	74	OCHA	
			May-08	-	3	0	37	6	25	0	1	72		
			Apr-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
OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="483 359 1312 478">• In Ampara, the number of agencies increased from 135 to 140 as one International Organization (Cooperazione Italiana) and four local NGOs (Green Movement of Sri Lanka, SWEIDO, SEEDA and SEDO First) have been added. <li data-bbox="483 510 1317 569">• In Batticaloa, the number of agencies has increased from 105 to 106 as one local NGO (Kaviya) started operations in the district. <li data-bbox="483 600 1308 659">• In Trincomalee, the number of agencies decreased from 134 to 129 as 5 organizations left the district.

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