

**Flash Floods in Northern parts of Sri Lanka: Situation report # 3
28 November 2008****Jaffna¹**

16,965 families (62,316 individuals) are displaced to 247 IDP camps due to the floods. A total of 71,375 families (257,336 individuals) are affected. 5,959 houses are fully damaged while 13,346 houses are partially damaged. Though there have been no rains during the day, the number of affected population has increased as some areas were previously inaccessible and new information is now being received. Though there have been disruptions to electricity in the peninsula, the Electricity Board has confirmed that power will be fully restored within 3 days.

2 deaths have been reported due to the floods in Chavakachcheri and Nallur DS divisions.

The World Food Programme (WFP) distributed 30 MT of wheat flour and 17.5 MT of dhal to affected families.

Following a coordination meeting headed by the GA, humanitarian agencies in the district have agreed to conduct a rapid assessment of flood affected DS divisions tomorrow to identify main needs. The following agencies will participate in the assessment to be coordinated by OCHA: Caritas (Jaffna DS), CARE (Kopay DS), ADT (Nallur DS), SCiSL (Sandillipay), UNICEF (Chankaney), DRC (Uduvil), ZOA (Tellipallai and Maruthankerny) UNHCR (Karaveddy), Forut (Point Pedro), JSAC (Chvakachchery). The assessment will not cover the 4 DS divisions of Delft, Kayts and Karainagar that are cut off from the main land as causeways are flooded.

The GA's office supports cooked food distribution to all affected families for the next 6 days.

Mullaitivu¹

The numbers remain the same at 2,036 families (8,080 individuals) displaced and a total of 21,200 families (82,360 individuals) affected. The AGA divisions of Puththukudiyirippu (PTK), Marimepattu and Oddusudan are affected with the highest number of displaced in PTK (4,084 individuals).

In addition to the above, the districts of Moneragala, Kandy, Matale and Nuwara Eliya have also been affected by landslides and earth-slips due to the rains, though on a lower scale.

USAID is considering an emergency cash grant to assist flood affected populations, to be implemented through the UN.

Mannar¹

The affected population in the district remains the same at 5,136 families (23,104 individuals). 28 GNs in Mannar DS, 1 GN in Nanaddan and 3 in Madhu are affected. Assistance is provided by the District Secretary

Trincomalee¹

The affected population remains the same at 7,256 people, with 406 families (1,413 individuals) displaced. The Government Agent and agencies in the district continue to provide support to affected families.

More information will come in, as teams are liaising with the relevant authorities. IASC partners and agencies with the capacity to provide support are asked to liaise and report to the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) of the DMC.

¹ Statistics from the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) Sri Lanka as at 16:00 hrs on 28 November 2008

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