

Flash Floods in Northern parts of Sri Lanka: Situation report # 4 01 December 2008

Jaffna

The situation improved over the last few days as no rains were experienced in the peninsula. Though a total of 338,579 individuals (97,656 families) were affected¹, the majority of the displaced population has returned to their places of residence. According to the inter agency rapid assessment mission conducted in Jaffna on 01 December 2008, approximately 7,500-8,000 families remain displaced in the district. Please note that the assessment did not cover the DS divisions of Kayts, Karainagar, Delft and Velanai due to inaccessibility at the time.

Families who have so far been unable to return continue to be housed in schools and common buildings. However, as 3rd term promotion examinations started today, District Secretaries made necessary arrangements to move displaced persons to alternate locations. Cooked meals or facilities to cook their own meals continue to be provided by local authorities.

Non Food Relief Items (NFRIs) was identified by the assessment as a key necessity and agencies have made arrangements to distribute NFRI packs to 7,000-8,000 displaced families currently in schools or common buildings. The distribution will be coordinated by UNHCR with pooled resources from UNICEF, UNHCR, CARE and World Vision. The NFRI package will include among other items mats, bed-sheets, mosquito nets, soap and buckets. Tarpaulins will also be provided to areas that require shelter assistance.

Since 26 November the World Food Programme (WFP) has provided dry food rations to 13,396 beneficiaries (3,420 families). The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) also provided supplementary food assistance to 1,028 families in Uduvil and Kopay DS divisions and food commodities for common cooking were provided to 226 families in the Jaffna DSD.

According to the Electricity Board 70% of the electricity supply to the district has been restored and assurances have been given that restoration will be completed by 03 December.



Figure 1: Jaffna 01-12-2008

¹ Statistics from the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) Sri Lanka as at 10:00 hrs on 01 December 2008

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The numbers remain the same at 2,036 families (8,080 individuals) displaced and a total of 21,200 families affected. The AGA divisions of Puththukudiyirippu (PTK), Marimepattu and Oddusudan are affected with the highest number of displaced in PTK (4,085 individuals).

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.

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.

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.

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