



News Release

Brazil contribution for UNHCR non-food response among IDPs in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, 22nd July 2009: The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) welcomes a generous donation by Brazil of US\$50,000 (approximately Rs. 5.6 million) towards responding to the non-food needs of hundreds of thousands displaced during the final months of conflict in Sri Lanka, especially for women and children.

UNHCR and its partners are supporting the Government of Sri Lanka with providing protection and assistance to some 280,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) accommodated in 31 emergency shelter sites in the country's north and east.

This latest donation will specifically be utilized towards providing clothing for the displaced population including skirts, blouses, gowns, children's clothing, etc.

Following the surge in displacement in the north during the first half of this year, UNHCR made an urgent appeal to the international community to support emergency response operations through donations - in cash or kind.

"The end of the three decade long conflict in Sri Lanka was received with joy in Brazil; the Brazilian Government is glad to help to improve the situation of the IDPs and to add its contribution to a better, brighter future for them and for this country", said Brazilian Ambassador, Mr. Pedro Henrique Lopes Borio.

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