

SITUATION REPORT # 78

KILINOCHCHI, MULLAITIVU, VAVUNIYA, MANNAR, TRINCOMALEE, BATTICALOA & AMPARA

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COLOMBO, 14 June 2007 - The final field draft of the Mid-Year Review (MYR) of the Common Humanitarian Action Plan (CHAP) 2007, which was approved by the IASC Country team after consultations with the Government, was presented to the donor community in Colombo on 14 June. Representatives of 14 donor nations, EC Delegation and ECHO attended. Sectors introduced their findings and suggestions. The ICRC presented its new Budget Extension Appeal at the same meeting.

Highlights of the CHAP 2007:

- In January, 72 CHAP projects asked for some \$65 million;
- \$46.3 million were received including 8.9 from CERF;
- More than \$40.5 million were actually spent by the end of May;
- The Mid-Year Review now introduces 82 revised projects of 38 agencies which require fresh funding totaling \$61.8 million;

The Global Launch of the MYR is scheduled for 17 July in Geneva.

KILINOCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

Situation update

- Shelling continued in areas closer to the Forward Defence Lines, Poonakary and Vadamarachchi East over the last week.

Internally Displaced Persons

- There were no major changes in IDP statistics as the IDP population has mostly stabilized except in areas of new fighting and in cases of IDP secondary displacement related mostly to the search for sustainable livelihood. UNHCR collected following information through GA offices:
- According to the AGA Karachchi 71 families (184 individuals) were displaced from Mannar (Madhu), Jaffna (Different AGA division – movement through the lagoon by boat) and Kilinochchi (Poonakary division) to Karachchi division during the month of May.

Sector Response

Shelter

- UNHCR implementing partner UNOPS distributed shelter material to 71 families in Karachchi AGA division. All 71 shelters were erected and 66 roofs were thatched.
- UNHCR, together with FORUT distributed shelter material to 72 families in Thunukkai AGA division. 15 shelters were erected and ten roofs were thatched.
- Oxfam through its partners started the construction of 127 temporary shelters while shelter material is being distributed for 160 shelters in Mullaitivu.
- On 05 June, three IDP settlements were cleaned by residents while OXFAM gave prizes for well-cleaned temporary shelters.

Health

- UNICEF started the implementation of its NRP [Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme] in Puthukkudiyiruppu division-Mullaitivu district. As a part of this programme, nutrition screening for children less than five years is been done in 28 centers out of a planned 50 centers. UNICEF is preparing to implement the NRP programme in all six MOH [Medical Officer for Health] areas where over 18,000 children will be screened.

Education

- On 12 June, UNICEF distributed stationeries including 'school in a box kit' to 256 IDP children from four schools in Manthai East and Oddusuddan AGA divisions of Mullaitivu district.

Food

- The distribution of the 19th and 20th week's WFP dry ration is on going in Kilinochchi. Nearly 10,652 families (39,615 persons) benefit from this programme in Kilinochchi.
- On 11 June, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) provided supplementary food packages to 70 IDP families living in Akkarayan and Konavil Villages-Kilinochchi district. On 12 June, nine families who fled from the Madhu areas to the Vinayapuram School (Mallavi-Mullaitivu) were given supplementary food packs by DRC.

Protection

- On 11 July, NPA (Norwegian People Aid) destroyed 288 land mines in Paranthan and 534 UXOs in Thadduvankoddy-Kilinochchi.
- During reporting period, UNICEF organized mine awareness programmes at several locations such as Panankamam, Kanagarayankulam, Mankulam and Tharmapuram for over 500 persons in the districts.

NFRI

- On 09 June, UNICEF distributed 221 child and 172 adult hygiene kits to 393 IDP children in four schools in Manthai East AGA division-Mullaitivu district.
- On 11 June 70 IDPs families living in Akkarayan and Konavil Villages-Kilinochchi district were assisted by DRC through its hygiene kits provision while nine families accommodated in Vinayapuram School [in Mallavi-Mullaitivu] were given NFRI and tarpaulin sheets by DRC on 12 June.
- On 12 June, UNICEF provided furniture and musical instruments to KAROD [Kilinochchi District Association for Rehabilitation of Differently Able]. UNICEF also gave WWDF (Working Women Development Forum) musical instruments to meet the needs in eight child friendly spaces in Mullaitivu.

Jaffna District

Food Security

- FAO, in collaboration with the Dept. of Animal Production & Health and with the support of World Vision, provided training on Backyard Poultry Management to 30 IDPs and vulnerable families in Uduvil on 12 July 2007.
- FAO airlifted and handed over the vaccines Raniket (1st & 2nd dose) and Hipravias (Fowl pox vaccines) to the Department of Animal Production and Health Jaffna, to support poultry in the district. Vaccination is ongoing.

VAVUNIYA AND MANNAR DISTRICT

Situation update

- Situation remains tense in Vavuniya and Mannar district.
- The price of commodities and essential goods has increased in Mannar and Vavuniya district due to increased charges of loading and unloading from trucks at the various checkpoints along the way.
- The price of vegetables has also gone up due to restrictions in unload/load and transporting resulting in many vegetable sellers closing up business in Mannar.

- On 07 June, forced movement of Tamil civilians from Colombo were transported to Vavuniya and detained at the Gamini Maha Vidiyalayam School. All detainees were released on 08 June.
- On 13 June, UNHCR and UNICEF visited two IDP sites in the uncleared areas of Vavuniya north. The primary concerns identified relate to water and sanitation and livelihood. However, there were other protection concerns linked mainly to the difficulty in movement across the FDL, as well sensitive issues that IDPs were reluctant to discuss.

Internally Displaced Persons

- GA reports that there are 2,498 families (9,332 individuals) displaced in Mannar and 2,329 families (8,190 individuals) displaced in Vavuniya as of 14 June.

Sector response

NFRI

- UNHCR distributed 44 NFRI packages to the displaced in Vavuniya and Mannar during reporting period.
- 309 families (1,118 persons) from Italwetunuwewa in Padadaviya DS division were displaced to Elikingulagalla School in the same DS division in Anudharapura district. ZOA supported with NFRI to do common cooking.

Water and Sanitation

- CARE International and its partners RDF and FIRM, constructed 35 permanent toilets in Annanagar GN division (Vavuniya DS division) and, completed three toilets in Malayaparuththikkulam in Vavuniya south.
- ZOA completed the construction of 16 toilets in Mannar and Nanattan DS Division in Mannar district.
- UNICEF handed over 60 water tanks each with a capacity of 2,000 liters to the Sri Lanka Red Cross in Mannar.

Protection

- 11-12 June, SCiSL provided play material for IDP children with host families in Nellukkulam and Maharampaikulam GN division (Vavuniya DS division).

Education

- On 12 June, WUSC organized a workshop for vocational training mobilizes working with vocational training providers in the Vavuniya and Mannar districts.

Livelihood

- CARE International distributed chicks and poultry feeds to nine beneficiaries and conducted poultry production training in Malayaparuththikkulam in Vavuniya south. Also conducted were primary health and animal husbandry training in Annanagar in Vavuniya DS division.

Food

- WFP transported 17.55 MT of rice, 3.45 MT of dhal, sugar and vegetable oil into Mannar district and 51.35 MT of rice, 5.1 MT of dhal, 1.8 MT of sugar and vegetable oil into Vavuniya district during reporting period.
- World Vision, SLRC and Oxfam provided cooked meals to 272 civilians who were forcibly transported from Colombo to Vavuniya.
- It was reported at an Inter-Agency meeting in Mannar that several IDPs have not received food rations from Government/WFP since they got displaced to Mannar DS divisions many months ago. There is a need to ensure that the food distribution mechanism actually works and that IDP's get their food on time and also that they are not discriminated.

Food Security

- On 13 June, FAO, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture distributed Red Onion seed (bulbs) for five selected resettled families in Nedunkulam and Nawagama villages in Madukanthai of Vavuniya south DS Division.

Shelter

- UNHCR and partner RDF began to excavate land to lay the foundation for houses to be built while block casting is continuing.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Situation update

- The situation in Trincomalee remains tense.
- On 13 June, one of Mercy Corps' international staff was shot and injured on the beach near the Club Oceanic Hotel where he was staying. He was initially treated at Trincomalee hospital and transferred overnight to the General Hospital in Colombo. He sustained an injury to the back of his head and is not in critical condition but is undergoing further tests. The incident is being investigated by the police.
- On 7 June, 13 persons from those rounded up from the lodges in Colombo were sent to Trincomalee and then sent to Jaffna on 08 June by sea.
- UN/INGO/NGO and government organisations participated with various government departments, emergency services, military and other stakeholders in the preparation of the UNDP supported District Preparedness and Response Plan at the Kachcheri on 12 June. The full day session focused on the distribution of responsibilities through five different sub-committees with distinct tasks in the event of an emergency in the district.

Internally Displaced Persons

- On 08 June, the GA and the GOC in separate meetings with the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, in Trincomalee, reported that a resettlement package is being prepared by authorities.
- No further returnees have arrived in Verugal, Eachchilampattai DS Division since the 45 families that arrived 11 June. 40 families were expected to return on 14 June from Batticaloa and perhaps a further 4/5 families currently residing with host families in Thampalakamam.
- Spontaneous arrivals to the Kiliveddy Transit sites have dropped from 10-12 families a day two weeks ago to 2-3 families a day. UNHCR reports that the completion of the Manlachenai and Peruveli plots will ease over crowding at the sites. The current IDP statistics for the transit sites are 1,235 families (4,165 persons) as of 13 June.

Sector Response

Food

- Some of the people who live in the Thanganagar and RB4 villages in Seruvila DS Division reported to USAID that they are faced with a food shortage lack clean drinking water. Most of these families were displaced to Kantalai in August and December 2006 and say they have problems due to food assistance ending before they could cultivate or restart livelihood activities.

Shelter

- UMCOR distributed construction material for house repair in the Seruvila and Kiliveddy area for 252 families. A further 165 families are waiting for the delivery of minor materials.
- On 11 and 12 June, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) conducted on-site camp management follow up training in the Kiliveddy area for government officials engaged in the management of the transit camp.

Food Security

- FAO, in collaboration with Department of Animal Production and Health distributed 450 one-month old chicks to 45 beneficiaries in Azarth Nager village in Muttur DS division on 8 June, following a previous training programme on poultry management.

Water and Sanitation

- There is a need for proper bathing facilities in the Kiliveddy sites where a large number of IDPs go to the river for bathing.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

Situation update

- Batticaloa situation is still tense and shelling towards north-western parts of Batticaloa continues.

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to Government statistics as of 08 June, the total registered IDP population in the District is 21,865 families (81,040 individuals).
- UN agencies conducted a number of missions to return locations in Vellavelly and Paddipalai during the week. On 14 June, IDPs from four villages of Verugal GN division in Vaharai were scheduled to be returned to their place of origin. The Vavunathivu return is scheduled by the Government to begin on 15 June.
- On 11 June, at Vaharai, a mine left buried in Vaharai sea shore exploded, injuring two fishermen who had gone fishing in the area.

Sector Response

Shelter

- In Puthukudiyiruppu in Arayampathy division, IOM completed outstanding work on 254 temporary shelters during reporting period.

Food

- During the month of June 80 per cent of the IDPs in Welfare Centers and with host families were assisted with basic food rations by GA/WFP/ICRC rice and 20 per cent were assisted by SewaLanka, IOM, SLRC-GRC, Koinonia-ASB, NCM Lanka and the GA.
- Despite continued assistance provided by SewaLanka, RKM, World Concern, JRS, ArchenoVa, Sarvodaya, Oxfam Australia - CDF & PWA, Offer, UMCOR, NCM, Koinonia-ASB and DRC there is a 35 per cent gap in complementary foods.
- Out of the resettled persons,
In Vaharai: Approximately 9-10 weeks food assistance received since return 12 weeks ago (WV, Government, SewaLanka Foundation, private donations, EHED, Oxfam Australia), Sarvodaya and World Vision provided two week's rations for 2nd -3rd weeks of June.
In Vellavelly: three days rations from Presidents Office, and two weeks rations from government while the GA/WFP will provide 2 weeks rations for 2nd half of June.
- In Paddipalai: three days rations from Presidents Office, 2 weeks rations from Government and GA/WFP will provide 2 weeks rations for 2nd half of June.

Water and Sanitation

- The Batticaloa WatSan coordination group is developing "Decommissioning Guidelines" to provide a set of procedures and technical recommendations for the decommissioning of sanitation facilities, which have been approved by responsible government agencies and WatSan actors.
- Agencies are continuing to provide repair and maintenance for toilet and hand pump facilities at remaining camps locations. UNOPS and NRC Quick-Fix It teams are also providing support district-wide for the repair & maintenance of watsan & shelter facilities at IDP camp locations.
- Drinking Water Quality testing and monitoring is on-going by Deputy Provincial Director of Health Services (DPDHS), National Water Supply and Drainage Board and water supply agencies. Residual chlorine levels have been increased due to the identification of several Hepatitis A cases to prevent transmission through the Water Supply.
- The district contingency plan for water bowsering is being updated based on the IDP population reduction and consolidation of camps. Agencies are testing the quality of on-site water sources to identify the "Safest Water

Source" at each camp in the event of an interruption in bowser service. Several WatSan agencies are installing on-site water systems to eliminate the dependence on water bowsering.

- ArchenoVa supported MSF in the construction of on-site water supply systems for Palacholai and Koralankerny camps in Chenkalady division.
- Oxfam GB and partners decommissioned ten semi-permanent latrines, installed ten wells, repaired 11 wells and cleaned two wells.
- UNICEF provided 15 plastic water tanks and related items to the Pradesha Saba of Vavunathivu.
- OXFAM GB, ArchenoVa/ UNICEF, World Vision, ZOA, Solidarities/UNICEF distributed 900,000 liters of water per day the past week at various sites in the district.

NFRI

- On 12 June, IOM distributed kitchen utensil kits, hygiene kits and mats in Manmunai North division. 7-12 June, IOM distributed 759 NFRI kits in Vaharai division to the resettled population and 38 kits in Arayampathy division for IDPs with host families and in welfare centres.
- On 12 June, Oxfam GB provided 2,395 pairs of slippers to IDPs in camps in Valachchenai, Kiran, Chenkalady and Kaluwanchikudy divisions.
- On 08 June, Oxfam GB distributed 94 hygiene kits in Vinayahapuram IDP camp in Valachchenai division and soap to the Parangiyamadu camp in Kiran division and Savukkady camp in Chenkalady division.
- On 08 June, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) distributed children's clothes to 138 children at the Vedarkudiyiruppu IDP camp in Arayampathy division.
- On 11 and 13 June, SCiSL distributed ten family NFRI kits to IDPs with host families in Kokkuvil and Irrudayapuram West in Manmunai North division and 56 hygiene packs to the Sinna Urani IDP camps in Manmunai North.
- On 8 June, UNICEF distributed hygiene kits, bed mats and children's clothes to 530 families in Sinnawatta area in Vellavelly division.
- During reporting period, IOM provided 33 trucks to UNICEF, DSs, Kachcheri, Oxfam Australia, UNOPS, WFP and ZOA to transport food, shelter material, NFRIs and IDPs.

Protection

- On 10 June, NRC Camp Management Training team conducted sectoral training at Kaluvankerny site for 22 IDP representatives from 7 camp committees.
- On 8 June, Oxfam GB distributed two sets of sports items to the Iyankerny IDP camp in Chenkalady division.
- SCiSL conducted a workshop on children's rights to 59 field officers, 145 children and 165 parents from four IDP camps in Manmunai North division.
- SCiSL supported a program on "Disaster Risk Reduction Information Sharing" for 205 children and 87 parents at the Kalliyankadu food store IDP camp in Manmunai North division and Vedarkudiyiruppu IDP camp in Arayampathy division and host communities in Puthunagar and Thiruperunthurai in Manmunai North division.

Education

- SCiSL continued its supplementary feeding program for 3,053 children in 63 early childhood education centres in IDP camps in Kalkudah, Batticaloa and Paddiruppu zones with a support of local partners. They also supported 133 early childhood education teachers with their monthly salaries.

Health

- Merlin's two mobile medical teams covered 12 IDP camps in Arayampathy and Manmunai North divisions treating 664 direct beneficiaries and the camp population of 8,899 persons. The most common diagnoses were fever, acute respiratory infections, worm infestation, and gastro-intestinal infections.
- Under infection control program, 132 hospital employees were trained by Merlin on healthcare waste management in Kaluwanchikudy Base Hospital.

- ArchenoVa trained volunteers from five IDP camps in Manmunai North division on health and hygiene promotion and upon DPDHS's request, a hepatitis awareness program was implemented in Panichchayadi and Kokkuvil III IDP camps in Manmunai North division.
- On 8 June, 20 volunteers from Vedarkudiyiruppu IDP camp in Arayampathy division, were trained by Oxfam GB with the collaboration of PHI (health department on water related diseases, and role and responsibilities of volunteers).
- Oxfam GB's regular public health promotion activities are ongoing, and during the last week around 60 health education sessions were conducted in the district on different topics like water use, vector control, hand washing, use of latrine and personal hygiene.
- On 8 June, Oxfam GB distributed four sets of latrine cleaning kits and four sets of camp cleaning kits in Kovilkulan annex camp in Arayampathy division and in Parangiyamadu camp in Kiran division.

Food Security

- FAO with implementing partner ASIA constructed 22 poultry cages and provided training for beneficiaries in Kathankudy division, and provided 10 goat sheds to vulnerable beneficiaries in Nava lady village in Manmunai North division.
- FAO, with the support of ASIA provided 6 water harvesters to beneficiaries in Mankerny village in Vaharai division.
- 7-10 June, skill training for 140 beneficiaries was conducted by Oxfam GB for IDPs from Kiran staying with host families.
- 160 IDP families from Chettipalayam and Kurukkalmadam IDP camps in Kaluwanchikudy division are engaged in vocational training at present. Sewalanka Foundation has been implementing UNDP's training in collaboration with the Vocation Training Centre.

AMPARA DISTRICT

Situation Update

- The situation remains tense.

Internally Displaced Persons

- UNHCR reports that IDP figures have not been updated in the district secretariat since 18 May and hence officially remain at 11, 702 persons (3,012 families). This figure has to be adjusted at DS level since the resettlement of the displaced.
- In Thirukkivil, there is a substantial increase in IDP numbers. As of 11 June, 899 families (3,412 individuals) have been registered with DS Thirukkivil from the uncleared areas of Kanchikudichchiaru and Thankavelayuthapuram.
- Only 50 families (193 individuals) displaced from Batticaloa district remain in Thirukkivil division.
- The DS reports that there are IDPs originating from Trincomalee and Batticaloa remaining in the district in Alayadivembu. Some family heads have returned back to Batticaloa to review the situation before they take their families with them.
- UNHCR reports that the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services (MRDRS) has established a Resettlement Coordination Unit (RCU) with UNHCR's assistance at Colombo level. The RCU has appointed resettlement coordinators in the field for Batticaloa and Ampara and will provide weekly updates on IDP movements and monthly reports on assistance provided to IDPs and returnees to the Ministry. IDP actors are expected to coordinate activities with the RCU.
- In Sri Valli puran, a village in the uncleared areas in Thirukkivil, 59 families have returned back. Access into this area for UN, ICRC/Red Cross Movement and I/NGOs is restricted.

Sector Response

Food

- Although WFP has dispatched food commodities to Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies, the June food delivery is been delayed due to unavailability of IDP updates. WFP increased it monitoring activities in DSs to get a clear picture of IDP figures. The GA also agreed to expedite the updating process in the district secretariat

NFRI

- SCiSL distributed family kits and school kits to 120 IDP families in Thirukkivil and 450 IDP families in Kalmunai Tamil division.

Protection

- Child recruitment and abduction is reported to have increased in Navithaveli Thirukkivil and Pottuvil.
- There is continued interference in humanitarian organizations' projects (particularly beneficiary lists) by an armed group in the district.

Education

- UNICEF is working with ZDE office, Akkaraipattu to arrange catch-up education to those who left schooling due to various security reasons. The students are willing to continue their education.

Health

- Merlin facilitated the celebration of World Environmental Day in seven schools in Navithaveli, Sammanthurai and Damana DS where students carried out school environment clean up campaigns and planting trees in the premises of the school. Merlin in conjunction with the Agriculture Department and MOH held a Nutritional Promotion Home garden training for teachers and students from 24 schools
- Merlin conducted trainings for 24 teachers and students in Mahaoya and Padiyathalawa division on establishing a School Health Committee and on related health topics.

Food Security

- FAO conducted awareness training programs on the 'Importance of Nutrition for Children' for 60 participants from schools in the Addelaichenai and Akkaraipattu villages in Ampara district.

Water and Sanitation

- Islamic Relief reports that they are winding down operations and has already identified a local partner to continue their so as not to leave any gaps this areas.
- UNICEF is preparing a summary of INGOs winding down operations and their areas of coverage.