

## SITUATION REPORT # 80

### KILINCHCHI, MULLAITIVU, VAVUNIYA, MANNAR, TRINCOMALEE, BATTICALOA & AMPARA

21-28 June 2007

#### KILINCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

##### **Situation update**

- Shelling continues in areas closer to the Forward Defence Lines (FDLs), Poonakary and Vadamarachchi East over the last week.
- Restrictions of movement along the Akkarayan to Jayrapuram Road via Vannerikulam due to a Claymore attack on 26 June in Mulankavil along the A-32 road (in Poonakary division-Kilinochchi),

##### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- The overall number of IDPs in the Vanni stands at 78,493 displaced persons.

##### **Sector Response**

###### Shelter

- FORUT started purchasing material last week to build 100 temporary shelters out of a committed 250 shelters for IDPs living in 16 villages in Kilinochchi. In Mullaitivu district, FORUT is purchasing material to build 150 temporary shelters.
- ZOA is building 80 temporary shelters out of a committed 100 at several IDP locations in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts.
- DRC (Danish Refugee Council) completed the construction of 25 temporary shelters in Kilinochchi district during reporting period.
- Oxfam through implementing partners have completed the construction of 321 temporary shelters out of a committed 650 shelters for IDPs living in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts, to date.
- Solidar is currently constructing 52 temporary shelters for female headed households in Kilinochchi District in partnership with WWDF (Working Women Development Forum-a local NGO based in Kilinochchi).

###### Health

- On 27 June, the Deputy Provincial Director of Health Services (DPDHS)-Kilinochchi transported two lorry loads of furniture items from Vavuniya to be used in district health institutions.

###### Water & Sanitation

- OXFAM completed a water supply system at the Iyankankulam IDP settlement (Mullaitivu district) where 21 displaced families are currently living. OXFAM also renovated four bathing places at the 9th mile post IDP settlement in Akkarayan where Oxfam has built 110 temporary shelters. Oxfam renovated two bathing places at the Theravil IDP settlement [Mullaitivu] where 68 displaced families have been settled.
- Solidar, the implementing partner for UNICEF temporary latrine constructions has completed 139 latrine units at various IDP locations throughout the Vanni region.

###### Education

- On 25 June, 60 displaced students living in the Sakththipuram village in Kilinochchi were given stationeries by ZOA.

### Livelihood

- Solidar through its implementing partner TECH (The Economic Consultancy House) has established 200 home gardens among IDPs and host families throughout Kilinochchi district.

### Food

- On 25 June, WFP transported 120 MT of wheat flour from Vavuniya for its ongoing dry ration supply in the districts.
- On 22 and 25 June, Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies of MPCSSs of Kilinochchi district brought in 40 MT of wheat flour, 40 MT of sugar, 3 MT of dhal, soap and 64 MT pulses.

### Food Security

- On 27 June, FAO handed over a refrigerator, solar inverter, solar panel, solar modules and batteries to the Dept. of Animal Production and Health to store and preserve the quality of animal drugs and vaccines needed for the treatment of farm animals of vulnerable conflict-affected families in Kilinochchi.

### Jaffna District

- During reporting period FAO, in collaboration with World Vision provided 600 one-month old poultry chicks to 60 vulnerable households in Kopay DS Division in Jaffna.
- FAO, in collaboration with the Dept. of Animal Production & Health and with the support of World Vision, provided training on Backyard Poultry Management to 60 IDPs and vulnerable families in Kopay DS Division.
- FAO through the Department of Animal Production & Health distributed poultry management leaflets to 120 backyard poultry beneficiaries in Uduvil and Kopay DS divisions in Jaffna.
- FAO through the Department of Fisheries distributed Modern Fisheries Technology handbooks to Fisheries Cooperative Societies in the district.

## **VAVUNIYA AND MANNAR DISTRICT**

### **Situation update**

- Situation remains tense in the Vavuniya and Mannar districts.

### **Internally Displaced Figures**

- The GA office reports that there are 2,498 families (9,332 individual) displaced in Mannar and 2,329 families (8,190 individuals) displaced in Vavuniya as of 28 June.
- Due to the movement of IDPs to the Periyamadu, Kuruvilan, Paliaru areas in Manthai west three new welfare centers in the uncleared areas are recognized by the Government.

### **Sector Response**

#### NFRI

- UNHCR Vavuniya office distributed NFRI packages to 11 new IDP families and 31 relocated families during reporting period.
- 26-27 June, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) distributed two sets of children's cloth material to 260 displaced children and six NFRI packs to IDPs with host families in Elluththur, Mavilankerny, and Madhukarai Thalvupadhu in Mannar district.
- UNHCR distributed NFRI packages to 26 new IDP families in Mannar district during reporting period.

#### Protection

- SHADE organized recreational activities at the Thaddankulam relocation village in Chedikkulam for 175 children.

### Education

- The Vavuniya North Zonal Director of Education has identified a need for 12 temporary learning spaces in the uncleared areas of Vavuniya North and has requested for assistance from agencies. The IDPs in these areas remain scattered and there is very low school attendance due to the distance between schools and temporary settlements areas. There are no public transport facilities in this area.

### Food

- WFP transported 12 MT of rice, 15 MT of wheat flour, 4 MT of dhal and sugar to Mannar district during reporting period.

### Food Security

- On 27 June, FAO donated one inverter to the Assistant Director of the Ministry of Animal Production and Health in Vavuniya to operate the solar powered refrigerator to store animal vaccines.

### Shelter

- DRC and its partner SEED completed the clearing of 20 acres of jungle area for the Katkulam relocation site in Vavuniya.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed the renovation of two long shelter roofs at the Poonthoddam and Sithamparampuram welfare centers in Vavuniya district.

## **TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT**

### **Situation Update**

- Overall situation remains tense.

### **Internally Displaced People**

- Return from Batticaloa of 145 families to Eachchilampattai GN Division, Eachchilampattai DS Division was scheduled to take place on 28 June.

### **Sector Response**

#### Shelter

- IOM is responsible for tsunami housing care maintenance and also for the Kiliveddy transit sites.
- Health authority started the Mobile Health Clinic in Eachchilampattai area. The Mobile Health Clinic is conducting three days/week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). The International Medical Corps started providing mobile clinics in Eachchilampattai three days a week on a request made by the DPDHS.

#### Food Security

- Last week, FAO, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture conducted four nutrition exhibition programmes at schools in Kuchchaveli and Kinniya DS divisions targeting 600 school students to improve their knowledge on nutritious food and its processing.
- FAO completed assessing the impact of its satellite and home garden programme last in the DS divisions of Kuchchaveli, Kinniya, Town and Gravets and Gomarankadawala. Beneficiaries were chosen randomly to monitor and evaluate the outcome of activities implemented during the last Maha season.

## **BATTICALOA DISTRICT**

### **Situation Update**

- The situation remains tense. Shelling towards north-western parts of Batticaloa continues.

### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- According to Government statistics, as of 26 June the total registered IDP population in the district is 13,864 families (51,901 individuals).
- According to Government sources, 6,383 families (21,380 individuals) from Manmunai South West and 8,768 families (27,995 individuals) from Poraitivu Pattu have been resettled in their place of origin. As of 21 June, 7,211 families (24,791 individuals) have been resettled in Vavunathivu division.
- For the time being World Vision, SCiSL and Sarvodaya as partner of OXFAM Australia and UNICEF are the only I/NGOs allowed to enter the resettled villages in west Batticaloa regularly and this is a major concern for most of the humanitarian actors in the district regarding timely assistance to returnees.

### **Sector Response**

#### Shelter

- The shelter cell in the district prepared an information note on camp consolidation and assigned organizations for decommissioning of temporary sites. Important part of the process is ensuring that the protection and assistance needs of those who cannot return will continue to be met while all efforts are made to pursue durable solutions for them. The longer term sites have been finalized with government approval.
- Looting of shelter materials in various camps recently vacated following return process has been reported.
- NRC has completed a shelter damage assessment of 300 shelters in four villages of Vaharai division. Also, distributed were 40 shelter kits to IDPs with host families in Shanthively in Kiran division and two shelter kits in MN division.

#### Food

- **IDPs in Welfare Centers and with Host Families are receiving food assistance as follows:**
- In Vaharai South, Sewalanka continues to provide food assistance till 14 July.
- In Valachchenai, GA-WFP continues to provide food assistance to both welfare centers and those with host families. ASB/Koinonia provided complimentary food baskets for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of June.
- In Kiran, GA-WFP continues to provide food assistance to all three welfare centers and those with host families. UMCOR provided complimentary foods basket to 2 welfare centers and JRS to the third.
- In Chenkalady, GA-WFP continues to provide food assistance to all 15 welfare centers and those with host families. Sarvodaya provided complimentary food baskets to three welfare centers and IOM to a fourth.
- In Manmunai North, GA-WFP continues to provide food assistance to 19 of the 21 welfare centers and those with host families. Sewalanka continues to provide food assistance to 2 welfare centers. The Ramakrishna Mission, DRC, Sewalanka, World Concern, JRS and ARCHENOVA assisted with complimentary food baskets.
- In Arayampathy, SLRC/GRC provided 2 weeks food assistance to 4 of the 5 welfare centers, Sewalanka continues to provide food assistance to 1 welfare centre and JRS, and ASB/Koinonia provide Complimentary Food Baskets.
- In Kaluwanchikudy, NCM Lanka, SLRC/GRC and Help from Germany continue to provide food assistance.
- **Resettled families receiving food assistance is as follows:**
- In Vaharai, World Vision is distributing one week's dry rations to 4,000 resettled families.
- In Vellavelly, one month food rations have been provided by the Government. GA-WFP is presently providing two week's cereals complimented by dhal and sugar rations by the Government.
- In Paddipalai, 2 weeks food rations have been provided by the Government and GA-WFP is presently providing 2 weeks cereals.
- In Vavunathivu, 2 weeks food rations have been provided by the Government.
- On 22, 25 and 26 June, IOM distributed one week's dry ration packs to 105 families and 2 week's dry ration packs to 667 families in Manmunai North and Chenkalady divisions.
- ArchenoVa has distributed 2 weeks dry rations to 107 families in Kokkuvil 3 camp in MN division.
- World Vision has started distributing one week dry rations to all the resettled families in Vaharai division from 25 June, targeting approximately 4,000 families.

### Water & Sanitation

- Water and Sanitation response to IDP camps is on-going in seven Divisions. Decommissioning of water and sanitation facilities is underway by responsible agencies at camp locations that are vacated and not designated for longer term occupancy. Resettlement is on-going to three divisions in Western Batticaloa.
- ArchenoVa completed construction of a bathing place in Kokkuvil 3 IDP camp in Manmunai North division. ArchenoVa also built a tube well in Kokkuvil 3 camp.
- OXFAM GB and partners' this week decommissioned of 23 emergency latrines and eight tube wells, cleaned one well, repaired five tube wells repaired and three latrines repaired in the district.
- On 25 June, Oxfam GB distributed ten garbage bins and ten latrine cleaning kits to Savukkady IDP camp in Chenkalady division.
- At Palemeenmadu, with UNICEF support, ACTED has completed 15 semi-permanent toilets and the construction of six water tank filters is ongoing.
- ACTED distributed 47 site cleaning kits and placed 30 garbage bins in Kaluvankerny IDPs site with UNICEF support.
- UNDP identified 55 resettled families (460 people) to receive permanent latrines, and 67 resettled families (600 people) to receive an open dug well at Kovilkulan IDP resettled site.
- OXFAM GB, ArcheNova/ UNICEF, World Vision/UNICEF, Solidarities/UNICEF bowsered over 700,000 liters of water per day the past week at various sites in the district.

### NFRI

- During reporting period, IOM distributed 310 hygiene kits with 505 mats to displaced families in Manmunai North (MN) and Arayampathy divisions.
- On 21 June, OXFAM GB distributed 1,185 pairs of shoes and 77 hygiene kits in Arayampathy and Chenkalady divisions.
- During reporting period, IOM provided three trucks to WFP to transport food items.

### Protection

- There is still no access for INGOs to Vellavelly, Paddipalai and Vavunathivu divisions to conduct the Mine Risk Education (MRE) sessions even though there is a high need for the MRE awareness among people.
- World Vision distributed and installed 364 solar panels at sites in Kirimichchai, Kankankulam, Mathurankernykulam, Kaddumurivukulam and Omadiyamadu in Vaharai division.
- Save the Children provided Disaster Risk Reduction training to 268 children at three IDP camps in Manmunai North division 20-25 June.
- On 26 and 27 June, a discussion was facilitated by SCiSL at the cultural hall and Tharmaretnam IDP camps in Manmunai North division for 70 children on "how to benefit and enjoy the child friendly activities in the camps".

### Psycho-social

- On 21 June, play and recreational items were distributed by Save the Children to St. Sebastian, Sinhala Maha Vidiyalayam and Zahira college IDP camps in MN division.

### Education

- UNICEF through partners distributed 28 water filters to ZDE Paddiruppu and 30 water filters to ZDE Kalkudah.
- SCiSL continues its supplementary feeding program to 2,600 displaced children through partner organizations in Paddiruppu, Batticaloa and Kalkudah zones, where 97 teachers are being supported to continue early childhood educational activities in 55 early childhood development centers.
- SCiSL distributed 50 black boards to 10 schools where temporary learning spaces have been built to accommodate displaced children in Batticaloa and Paddiruppu zones.

- On 27 June, SCiSL distributed 230 stitched boys' and girls' uniform to Eravur GTMS and 177 stitched boys' and girls' uniforms to Iyankerny Tamil Vidyalayam in Chenkalady division.

### Health

- Archenova trained hygiene promotion volunteers from five IDP camps and implemented a hepatitis awareness programme in two IDP camps in Manmunai North division.
- During the last week, around 28 Health Education sessions were conducted by OXFAM GB.
- Merlin trained 85 Community Health Workers (CHW) from six IDP camps in MN division, 88 CHWs from 2 IDP camps in Arayampathy division and 50 CHWs from 2 IDP camps in Chenkalady division in Reproductive Health issues.
- Merlin provided a three-day Infection Control course for 4 doctors, 7 nursing officers from Kathankudy District Hospital and 4 nursing officers from Arayampathy District Hospital.
- 70 employees of the Kathankudy District Hospital attended a two-day Infection Control course in Healthcare Waste Management provided by Merlin from June 21 to 22. The construction of the Thiraimadu central dispensary and doctors' quarters by Merlin is nearing completion.
- Merlin's Mobile Medical Clinics worked in 8 IDP camps in MN and Arayampathy divisions. Overall, there were 759 consultations – 517 adults 242 children. The dominant diagnoses were fever, acute respiratory infections, worm infestations and asthma. There were no serious diseases.
- With UNICEF support, ACTED conducted an awareness program for 2,000 children on hygiene activity at 14 camps in Chenkalady division.
- UNICEF supported Nutrition Rehabilitation Program (NRP) at all IDP sites is ongoing. Under this program, 57 malnourished children with medical complications have been treated at the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital and 56 out of 57 have shown weight gain after treatment and have been discharged to the community level program.
- Viral hepatitis cases have been reported at Chenkalady and Thalankuda IDP sites and the Regional Epidemiologist visited the sites to control the spreading. Conjunctivitis has been reported as prevalent among children and elders at IDP sites and the host communities.

## **AMPARA DISTRICT**

### **Situation Update**

- The situation remains tense. North West parts of Ampara bordering Batticaloa are facing security incidents daily.

### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- According to UNHCR IDP figures of displaced show a reduction to 6,387 individuals (1,690 families) as of 26 June. Most of the IDPs from West Batticaloa have returned to their places of origin. Those who are displaced from Trincomalee and a few others from Jaffna and Mannar are still remaining in the district. Half of the registered IDPs remaining in the district are in-district IDPs displaced from uncleared areas in Thirukkivil.
- In Thirukkivil DS division, 899 families consisting of 3,214 individuals have been registered as IDPs. The number is inconsistent with the number of people that are believed to have resided in the uncleared area before clashes intensified between belligerent forces. UNHCR is following up with government authorities on the registration process.

### **Sector Response**

#### Food

- WFP dispatched food commodities for IDPs covering all the divisions where IDPs are with host families for the month of May.

#### NFRI

- SCiSL distributed family kits to 42 IDP families in Thirukkivil division on 14 June.

### Protection

- Handicap International is working with local government officers to improve the quality of access to services for disabled persons.

### Psycho-social

- Movimondo has been conducting psycho-social programs for children aged 5-13 in Komari village (Pottuvil division) area.

### Education

- SCiSL distributed school kits and a set of school uniforms to 62 IDP children in Thirukkivil division on 14 June.

### Health

- Merlin completed two training sessions on topics including nutrition, adolescent health, oral health, child rights and child protection and disability for students and teachers from 14 schools in Karaitivu and Navithanveli. In addition, Merlin completed two nutritional home gardening training sessions for teachers and students from 11 schools in Dehiyatankandiya and Damana.

### Food Security

- FAO conducted awareness training programs on advanced drip irrigation systems for 10 school teachers and ten agricultural instructors as part of the FAO school garden programmes.

### Water & Sanitation

- IOM completed 50 toilets for tsunami-affected people in Kalmunai
- World Vision completed 30 toilets and 53 tube wells in Pandiruppu, Maruthamuani and Periyaneelavanai in Kalmunai division.
- Malteser International completed 20 rain water harvesting tanks in Pottuvil
- IOM reports that 10 toilets are under construction while 28 tube wells were completed in Pottuvil area.
- Solidarites constructed 15 new dug wells, and 52 latrines and rehabilitated 15 dug wells.
- UNICEF continues hygiene education activities and construction of watsan facilities in five schools. Around 90 per cent of the construction work has been completed except in Bakmitiyawa in Damana due to the security situation.
- CAM constructed seven common dug wells in Mahaoya

### Livelihood

- OCHA in collaboration with ILO/RADA have completed the mapping of district level livelihood activity.