

## SITUATION REPORT # 91

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

6-13 September 2007

**Situation update**

- An earthquake registering 8.4 on the Richter scale occurred on 12 September off the coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The epicenter of the quake was at sea about 130 kilometers west of Benkulen in Sumatra. Successive quakes followed several hours later. A tsunami warning was issued for the whole Indian Ocean region. On 12 September at 8.30 pm, the tsunami alert was lifted for Sri Lanka. Concerns were raised as new tremors were felt in the morning of 13 September in Indonesia but again the tsunami alert in Sri Lanka was lifted, this time at 9 am.
- The Disaster Management Centre, headed by Major General Hettiaratchi and the Government Agents in Districts organized monitoring and preventive measures along with aid agencies.
- The situation remains tense in most of the districts.
- Uyilankulam FDL in the Mannar district remains closed for movements since 03 September.
- From 10-19 September, a UN funded film crew will be filming UN projects and programmes funded by the European Commission (EC) in Ampara district. This is for a documentary on the UN's partnership with EC in Sri Lanka to be showed on International Development Day in October in Portugal.

**JAFFNA DISTRICT****Internally Displaced Persons**

- The GA Jaffna reported that there were 4,918 families (16,941 persons) displaced in Jaffna district as at 24 August 2007. Of this figure, 185 families (677 persons) reside in 12 Transitional Accommodation Centers (TAC) in Jaffna, Thenmaradchchi (Chavakachcheri) and the cleared areas of Vadamarachchi East (Maruthankerny). The rest of the displaced population stays with friends and family.

NFRI

- As at 06 September 2007, UNHCR had distributed 2,288 mosquito nets, 864 plastic buckets, 1,013 basins and 1,877 safe bottles to 1,877 families residing in welfare centers in the divisions of Kopay, Sandillipay, Chankanai, Tellipalay and Uduvil.
- As at 06 September 2007, UNHCR had distributed the second round of NFRI to 457 IDP families living with host families after the displacement of August 2006. The distribution included 513 bed sheets, 513 hurricane lamps, 914 laundry soap and 705 menstrual cloth.

Shelter

- In Tellipalay Division, UNHCR through implementing partner JSAC has completed the construction and upgrading of shelters for 57 IDP families. In Sandillipay, UNHCR through implementing partner JSAC is completing/making arrangements for the construction and upgrading of shelters for 148 IDP families. In Chankanai, UNHCR through implementing partner JSAC is constructing/making arrangements and upgrading existing shelters for 180 IDP families. In Uduvil, UNHCR through implementing partner JSAC is completing the construction of or making arrangements for the construction and upgrading of existing shelters. In total, UNHCR-JSAC has completed the upgrading of 377 shelters of IDP families in welfare centres in Jaffna and work is in progress on upgrading 110 existing shelters. In total, UNHCR-JSAC have completed the construction of eight new temporary shelters for IDP families in welfare centers and work has not yet started on the construction of 27 designated temporary shelters.

## Food

- Out of the 147 WFP food-for-work projects approved in Jaffna for 2006 only 106 food-for-work projects have been completed.
- The WFP food-for-work food requirement per month is 147.5 MT of mixed food.
- The WFP food for education food requirement per month is 1,033 MT of mixed food per month.
- WFP requires 125.7 MT of mixed food per month for its Mother and Child Nutrition Programme. WFP requires 29.5 MT of food per month for its Food-for-Training programme in the district. WFP requires 1,800 MT of mixed food per month to feed 40,080 vulnerable group feeding families in the district. In total, WFP requires 3,135.7 MT of mixed food for its activities in Jaffna district. WFP mixed food stock position in the warehouse is 364.95 MT as at 10 September 2007.

## Health

- The District has a shortage of 17 medical consultants, 20 specialists, one dental surgeon, 176 medical officers, 38 registered medical officers, 327 nurses, 18 Grade one nurses, 152 public health midwives and other hospital personnel including and not limited to pharmacists, radiographers, matrons etc.

## **KILINOHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS**

### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- As of 10 September, 1,584 families have been registered as new IDPs with Manthai West AGA division.
- Since 29 August, Kilinochchi District Secretariat registered 242 IDP families that arrived from uncleared areas in Mannar. 957 families moving from Manthai West were provided NFRI items.

### **Sector Response**

#### Shelter

- ZOA is preparing to provide 100 temporary shelters to the IDPs recently settled in Mulankavil area [Poonakary division] from Mannar uncleared villages.
- During the course of the week, Solidar completed 7 temporary shelters in Manthai west [Mannar] and 8 temporary shelters in Puthukkudiyiruppu [Mullaitivu] while Solidar is preparing to put 100 temporary shelters in Paliaru area for recently displaced people.

#### Food

- On 11 September, Danish Refugee Council [DRC] distributed supplementary food packs (each enough for two weeks per family) to 238 IDPs families who fled from Mannar and settled in Mulankavil areas in Poonakary AGA division-Kilinochchi.
- During the reporting period, ZOA distributed 32 supplementary food packs to Mannar IDPs settled in Mulankavil areas in Poonakary AGA division.
- Since 8-11 September, WUSC delivered milk foods and hygiene kits to 808 newly displaced in Mannar uncleared areas and 120 IDPs families settled in Poonakary AGA division, Kilinochchi.

#### Water and Sanitation

- ZOA last week bowsered water to 225 IDP families accommodated in communal places such as schools and common buildings in Mulankavil.
- UNICEF is conducting hygiene awareness programmes among the newly displaced community settled in Vellankulam, Paliaru and Illuppaikadavai areas and distributed hygiene kits through Solidar last week.

#### NFRI

- Solidar on 11 September distributed 522 inter-agency NFRI packages to IDP families who fled from areas closer to Mannar FDL and now settled in Vellankulam, Paliaru and Illuppaikadavai.

- On 11 September, DRC assisted 223 recently displaced families settled in Mulankavil area with NFRI items including hygiene kits.
- On 12 September, 212 IDPs families were given NFRI packs including hygiene kits by SCiSL.

### Protection

- In response to the IDP movements from Adampan area in Manthai West, UNHCR strengthened their protection coverage to the area with an additional team focusing on protection prevention, response and monitoring.
- In a meeting on 11 September, the Kilinochchi Multi sectoral Committee for Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) identified appropriate measures to be taken in Manthai West to strengthen SGBV prevention and response.
- On 11 September, UNHCR delivered hygiene items to 150 vulnerable children accommodated in the Mahadeva Ashram children's' home in Kilinochchi.
- On 8 and 9 September, FORUT conducted gender awareness trainings for 64 beneficiaries from Neeravippiddi and Sivapuram in Mullaitivu district.
- UNICEF with local NGO White Pigeon organized village level Mine Risk Education presentations for 4,761 persons.
- On 12 September, Norwegian Peoples Aid destroyed 306 land mines recovered from sites in the district last month.

### Education

- SCiSL started on the construction of one temporary Child Friendly Space in Anpupuram on 10 September. Two teachers have been appointed on a temporary basis to oversee activities at the space.
- World Vision is constructing a temporary Child Friendly Space in the uncleared areas of Vellankulam in Manthai.
- UNICEF with WWDF [Working Women Development Organization] pre-positioned play items such as footballs, badminton sets and volley balls targeting 325 displaced children settled in the uncleared areas of Moonrampity, Paliaru and Thevanpiddi in Mannar.

### Health

- On 11 September, UNICEF provided DPDHS Kilinochchi with emergency health kits, high energy biscuits, mosquito nets, soaps, mats, bed sheets and towels based on an assessment carried out by Centre for Health Care.

### Livelihood

- On 07 September, FORUT carried out training for 51 beneficiaries on animal husbandry. 16 beneficiaries from tsunami-affected villages were given poultry farming assistance on 6 September.

### Capacity Building

- FORUT from 11–13 September organized three-day training for 27 staff of partner organizations on Project Management.

## **MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS**

### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- As at 13 September, the GA office reported that 5,385 families (19,817 individuals) were displaced in Mannar district and that 2,517 families (8,682 persons) were displaced in Vavuniya.
- On 07 September, 158 families (498 individuals) were transported to the Murunkan School from Mullikkulam. There are now 166 families (531 individuals) sheltering at the Murunkan School.
- From 3–13 September, 1,615 families (6,241 individuals) have moved further north from villages in the periphery of Manthai West and Kilinochchi district. Most of the caseload is a secondary displacement from their original village.

**Sector Response**Shelter

- The ICRC and Sri Lanka Red Cross Society is putting up 170 tents at the Rice Mill school and playground adjacent to the rice mill in Nanaddan to accommodate IDPs from the Nanaddan MV school in Mannar.
- 12-13 September, UNHCR provided 240 tents for IDP families staying with friends and relatives in Nanaddan DS division.
- On 11 September, ZOA completed the construction of 100 emergency shelters for displaced families staying in the uncleared area of Arthimoddai, Koorai and Savirikulam in Manthai West.
- UNHCR and FORUT are in the process of settling 130 IDP families selected from welfare centres in the Kalmadhu village. 75 acres of land was cleared to construct 130 semi-permanent shelters for these IDPs and the construction is expected to be completed by end September.

Food

- From 7 to 12 September, Sewa Lanka Foundation provided cooked meals to 166 Mullikkulam IDP families staying in the Murunkan School
- On 12 September, ZOA distributed supplementary food packages to 101 displaced families staying in Kalliyadi, Koyilkulam, and Savirikulam in Manthai West.
- From 10 to 12 September, World Vision distributed dry rations to 1,000 families staying in Nanaddan DS division.
- From 8 to 11 September, WUSC distributed supplementary food items 2,100 IDP families staying Nanaddan and Manthai West DS divisions.
- On 11 September, JICA completed the distribution of supplementary food to 1,200 IDP families staying in Vellankulam, Paliaru, Thevanpidi, Illuppaikadavai, Kalliyadi, Arthimoddai, Koyilkulam, Koorai, Savirikulam, and Vidathaltivu in Manthai West.
- From 7 to 11 September, Sarvodaya assisted 246 IDP families at the Nanaddan MV school with common cooking and distributed to them rice, dhal, dry fish and onions.
- From 6-11 September, World Vision distributed dry rations to 291 families in Manthai West DSD, Mannar.

Water and Sanitation

- On 13 September, UNICEF, IOM and SLRCS installed pre-fabricated toilets the IDP locations of Rice Mill, Nanattan School and PLAY GROUND site.
- On 12 September, OXFAM tested the water quality at the new IDP locations of Rice Mill and found it suitable for drinking.
- Oxfam is in charge of providing watsan facilities for the IDPs in Razool Puthuvely.

NFRI

- On 12 September, ZOA distributed NFRI package to 101 families in Kalliyadi, Koyilkulam, and Savirikulam in Manthai West.
- From 7-11 September, OXFAM distributed adult cloth material to 895 IDPs in staying in Alavakkai, Moddaikadai, Ponthivukandal, and Razool Puthuvely in Nanaddan DS division.

Education

- Nine schools from Silavathurai in Arippu were displaced to Nanaddan. The Zonal Director of Education (ZDE) Mannar is planning to merge all nine schools into a school in Nanaddan and Murunkan and is facilitating the distribution of text books and exercise books.
- The ZDE-Mannar reports that a total of 2,912 students and 89 teachers were displaced further north from the villages in the periphery of Manthai West.
- UNICEF will provide teaching and learning material, temporary learning shelters, and watsan facilities for students displaced from Musali and Manthai West DS division.
- On 12 September, UNICEF and ZDE formed five school hygiene clubs in the Vavuniya South Zone.

- On 10 September, UNICEF distributed 75 library cupboards for schools in Illuppaikadavai, Thevanpiddi and Vellankulam in Mannar.

### Protection

- On 09 September, FORUT facilitated a programme which aims to organize conduct a soccer competition between 14 youth sports clubs in Vavuniya town.
- Since 7 September, the Sewa Lanka Foundation has been assisting camp management and counseling activities in coordination with the Mannar GA office.

### Health

- UNICEF reported that after the Emergency health coordination meeting all agencies agreed coordinate all health related activities with health department/RDHS. Humanitarian assistance related to health, sanitation, hygiene, water, infants, pregnant & lactating mothers will be channeled through RDHS. This is to facilitate and ensure a proper distribution of items, to avoid duplication and to maintain Government policies and standards in health sector.

### Capacity Building

- On 06 September, FORUT conducted a two-day residential training workshop for 30 community workers selected from five partner organizations in the Chedikkulam and Vavuniya DS Divisions, on Project Cycle Management with specific reference to Result Based Monitoring and Evaluation.

## TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

### **Situation update**

- In response to a Tsunami warning on the evening of 12 September the UN organized a precautionary relocation inland until the warning was lifted at around 2100 hrs. The NGO security tree was activated and UN National Staff Wardens contacted to advice staff members to take similar precautions. The authorities warned citizens through the media. Small waves were experienced in the district as a consequence of the Sumatra earthquake but in Town and Gravets a minor flooding of Lower Road on the Muddy Cove side of Orr's Hill was the only effect noted.

### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- The Coordinating Director for Trincomalee of the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief reported that government authorities are planning to move 60 families from the Kiliveddy IDP Transit Site to the Manalchchenai Transit site on 17 September. The IDP numbers for all the IDP Transit Sites in the Kiliveddy area is currently 1,057 families (3,494 individuals).
- On 06 September, 320 families (1,034 individuals) were returned to Eachchilampattai DS Division from Batticaloa. These IDPs originated from Eachchilampattai, Poonagar and Poomarathadichchenai GN divisions. Many of this caseload's housing was badly damaged due in the recent conflict and were provided tents and tarpaulins as a temporary shelter measure. Some of the IDPs concerned claim that they were not aware that their housing was so heavily damaged when they agreed to return.
- The above mentioned return was the last organized return to Eachchilampattai by the authorities. The total return figures for the Division now stand at 2,844 families (9,777 individuals).
- The Advisor to the President on International Relations, Basil Rajapakse, visited Ralkuly on 09 September and confirmed the statement of the Coordinating Director for Trincomalee of the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief that the recent returnees will soon be able to fish at sea and access their lands for livelihood purposes.

### Sector Response

#### Shelter

- UNHCR provided tarpaulins and mammoties (sharp edged shovel) to IDPs in Kiliveddy Transit Sites to improve the shelter and surrounding drainage.
- IOM completed the repair of the common cooking space located in Plots B, C and F at the Kiliveddy IDP Transit sites. These sites are being used as Child Friendly Spaces by child protection agencies.
- On 09 September, The Advisor to the President on International Relations, Basil Rajapakse, visited the site of the recently cleared jungle for the Ralkuly Housing Project where the authorities intend to relocate some of the IDPs affected by the establishment of a High Security Zone in Muttur East and Sampoor.
- As part of ongoing works in Eachchilampattai DS division, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) provided tools, materials and payment for the repair of 100 shelters and the reconstruction of 2 shelters at the Sooranagar tsunami transitional shelter site. Within Karukamunai a pre-school has been repaired and extended for joint use as pre-school and community office during the reconstruction process.
- NRC has contracted VOVCOD to begin the decommissioning of unoccupied hanger shelters on Plot G of the Kiliveddy IDP Transit Sites.

#### Food

- The Government Agent, Trincomalee authorized the release of 47 MT mixed food to feed 1,082 IDP families comprising 3,378 persons in Muttur for one month.
- 21 MT of food was dispatched to Eachchilampattai for distribution among 5,000 beneficiaries.
- 3.9 MT of mixed food was dispatched to Kinniya and Seruvila MOHs for distribution among 73 Health Volunteers under the WFP assisted Mother and Child Nutrition Programme.
- 18 MT of WFP food was dispatched to 43 schools in Kinniya and Town & Gravets under the Food for Education Programme, which feeds wet meals to 15,199 students.

#### Water and Sanitation

- The Watsan Coordination Group and the DS of Eachchilampattai report that current capacity is not sufficient to cover all sanitation needs in the Division. UNICEF as sector lead invites interested agencies for assistance.
- UNICEF reports that in addition to the sanitation gap in several schools there is a need to repair watsan facilities damaged by the conflict. Information is available at the UNICEF office for agencies willing to commit to this work.
- Watsan agencies have highlighted that most current funding covers needs up to December and that there are areas where water trucking will need to continue beyond this period. The WASH Group has referred the issue to the local authorities and requested them to inform the group of any possible plan by the government to address this need.

#### Health

- On 10 September, Medical Team International (earlier North West Medical Team) started their operations in Thiriyai Hospital and will also be covering the OPD of Kuchchaveli Hospital.

#### NFRI

- UNHCR distributed joint agency NFRI packs to 387 returnee families in Illangathuraimugathuwaram GN, Eachchilampattai during reporting period.

### **BATTICALOA DISTRICT**

#### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- According to Government statistics, as at 12 September 2007, the total registered IDP population in the District was 10,346 families (38,349 individuals).
- IDPs have been resettled to the DS divisions of Paddipalai, Vavunathivu and Vellavelly in Batticaloa West. On 11 September 2007, the resettlement of approximately 3,000 residents of Aythiyamai North and South GN divisions

in Vavunathivu took place after delays owing to de-mining operations. No dates have yet been announced for returns to the recently cleared areas of Chenkalady and Kiran. Returns to Trincomalee also occurred during reporting period, namely (i) the remaining GN divisions of Eachchilampattai on 6 September and (ii) a number of GN divisions in Muttur West on 13 September.

### **Sector Response**

#### Shelter

- 23 sites were identified and proposed for longer term occupancy and, was endorsed by the GA. All DSs concerned are expected to implement this list. Priority for relocation will be given to IDPs accommodated in tents.
- As part of the camp consolidation process, 120 IDP families were shifted from Kokkuvil 1 & 2 to Saththurukondan 3 (railway site), from tents to rigid shelters. Also as part of the camp consolidation process, 59 IDP families were transferred from tents in Palacholai 1 (World Vision site) to shelters in the Palacholai 2 site in Chenkalady division.
- At Panichankerny in Vaharai division, IOM completed the construction of 120 shelters and the construction of 79 shelters is ongoing.
- Shelter material distribution is on-going by IOM for 27 shelters that were identified at Pannichayadi Munmari GN division in Paddipalai DS division. At Thanthamalai in Paddipalai division, the construction of the remaining 42 shelters is now complete. At Mavadimunmari in Paddipalai division, the identified 70 shelters are under construction.
- UNHCR distributed 10 emergency shelter kits in Mankadu in Vavunathivu division and two shelter kits in Kokkodichchola in Paddipalai division.

#### Food

- Basic food rations for the IDPs in 37 welfare centers are provided by GA/WFP, Sewalanka, ASB-Koinonia and NCM. Sewalanka, ASB-Koinonia, arche noVa, Sarvodaya-Cord AID, NCC and Help from Germany are assisting these IDPs with complimentary foods. However, a gap in complimentary foods exists at 11 welfare centers in the Manmunai North and Chenkalady divisions.
- Basic food rations for the IDPs with host families are provided by GA/WFP and ASB-Koinonia.
- In the resettled areas of Batticaloa North (Vaharai), BRCS provides a cash equivalent of their food programme.
- In the resettled areas of Batticaloa West (Vellavelly/ Paddipalai/ Vavunathivu), GA/WFP provides basic food rations.
- There is gap in complimentary foods for 80 per cent of the resettled families in Batticaloa West.

#### Water and Sanitation

- During the week, 29 new tube-wells with hand-pumps were built by arche noVa in Manmunai North division.
- IOM in coordination with Kokkaddichola Pradesha Sabah cleaned 53 wells in Paddipalai division.
- At Palameenmadu camp in Manmunai North division, 8 shelters were decommissioned by IOM and the decommissioning of 24 shelters at Thiraimadu is ongoing.
- Oxfam BG trained 11 technical officers, water monitoring officers and water trucking operators of the Pradesha Saba and ESCO on water quality testing, at the Vavunathivu DS office.
- ESCO/Oxfam GB started on the construction of 42 permanent toilets at a permanent housing scheme of Oxfam Australia in Uriyankattu in Vaharai division.
- During the week, OXFAM GB, Pradeshiya Saba, arche noVa/ UNICEF and World Vision bowsered over 750,000 liters of water per day at sites in the Valachchenai, Chenkalady, Kiran, Manmunai West, Manmunai North and Vaharai division.
- Water and Sanitation Emergency Response Activities continues at IDP camp locations in 7 DS Divisions and resettled areas in 4 DS Divisions. WatSan Coordination meetings are on-going on a bi-weekly basis with NWSDB as Chair and UNICEF as Secretariat.
- The multi-sector planning process for the consolidation of IDP camps is on-going. During the reporting period, IDPs were shifted from temporary tent camps to camps with improved shelter and water & sanitation facilities in Manmunai North Division. Main watsan considerations include the upgrade of watsan facilities at camps identified for longer term occupancy and decommissioning of hand pumps and toilets at closed camp locations.

- Pradeshiya Sabas and Municipal Council of Batticaloa continue to face challenges to support the running costs for services. The reimbursement, by the Government, for the gully sucking activities in Manmunai North by MC Batticaloa, water bowsering in West Vaharai by the PS Vaharai, and resettlement costs for well cleaning & water bowsering in Vellavelly, Paddipalai, and Vavunathivu DS Divisions is pending.
- UNICEF conducted a joint visit with the PS Vellavelly, PS Paddipalai and World Vision to drought affected areas in those 2 DS Divisions where cases of Hepatitis have been identified by the PHIs and MOH. Water bowsering and hygiene promotion activities will be directed to these areas.
- ICRC in coordination with the PS Vavunathivu, Oxfam GB, UNICEF, Water Board and the Irrigation Department have established a mobile water treatment plant and storage bladders at Unnichai tank to provide drinking water supplies for distribution to drought-affected areas.
- ACLG & UNICEF shifted 20 plastic water tanks and 12 tank stands to PS Vavunathivu for use in drought affected areas. Additionally, 25 spare taps and parts for tank taps and 50 "Drink Safe Water" & "Health is in Your Hands" hygiene promotion posters were provided by UNICEF
- During the reporting period, a total of 769,000 liters/day of drinking water was distributed in Valachchenai, Chenkalady, Kiran, Manmunai West, Manmunai North and Vaharai by OXFAM GB, arche noVa/ UNICEF and World Vision.

### NFRI

- From, 5-7 September, Oxfam GB distributed 1,245 hygiene kits to 6 IDPs camps in Arayampathy, Chenkalady, and Kiran and Valachchenai divisions.
- On 6 September, Oxfam GB distributed 4 water filters, 44 silver cups and plates to IDPs in Arayampathy IDP camp.
- UNHCR distributed NFRI's such as kitchen sets, plastic mats, jerry cans, mosquito nets, hurricane lamps etc to 925 IDP families in 10 sites in Manmunai North division.
- 65 family hygiene kits were provided by UNICEF to MSF for distribution at 2 IDP camps in Manmunai North division.

### Protection

- UNICEF supported house to house mine risk awareness was conducted in the following villages in Vavunathivu division by partner Sarvodaya: Periyakalla potta madu, Meenachchimadu, Kalaiyadikulam, Mundalamadu; 142 adults and 61 children participated in the awareness sessions. On 7 September, Sarvodaya conducted mine safety awareness for 20 Oxfam staff.
- During the reporting period, 10 UXO reports were reported to UNICEF. On 8 September, a pressure mine blast killed 3 civilians in Vantharumolai in Chenkalady division.
- UNICEF chaired and hosted the Emergency/ Reintegration Child Protection Coordination Meeting which had a wide participation of child protection actors working in camps and return areas. Various issues were discussed including emerging child protection issues in camps and areas of return, access, camp consolidation and monitoring of minimum standards for child protection activities agreed upon by agencies.
- UNICEF and Non Violent Peace Force conducted a training on 'Monitoring and Response to Child Rights Issues'
- UNICEF conducted monitoring visits to camps in Manmunai North to assess the situation and provided technical support to the Probation dept. for follow up support of separated children registered. 33 children registered as separated 7 children were reunited with missing parents who had returned.
- Mobile documentation clinics, organized by a number of Government departments, including the Registrar General and Registrar of Persons Departments are being organized across the District between 15 September and 15 October with the support of CHA and the Human Rights Commission. The first mobile clinics are scheduled for Kaluwanchikudy (15 September), Vellavelly (16 September) and Paddipalai (17 September).
- Protection actors supported the Government in facilitating discussions with IDPs living in tents in Kokkuvil camp in MN division regarding relocation to shelters in Saththurukondan 3 (railway site) in the same division.
- UNHCR and its protection partners continue to monitor returnee areas and IDPs sites within the district, and are advocating for the protection of IDPs and returnees. During the reporting period, protection actors have made interventions with the civil administration to ensure the continued registration and receipt of assistance by IDPs.

- Protection actors in the district continue to accompany the resettlement process in order to ensure that the protection and assistance needs of IDPs are met, especially during pre-movement, movement and initial integration phases.
- Save the Children organized trainings to facilitators who are working in the child friendly spaces on “Community based child protection and child participation” on 8 and 12 September at Saththurukondan IDP camp in MN division, where 24 facilitators participated.
- On 8 September, Save the Children facilitated a leadership awareness session at Saththurukondan IDP camp and Manpower I&II IDP camps in MN division, where 78 parents participated.

### Psycho-social

- On 7 September, IOM has organized a workshop in Sallithivu in Vaharai division on “Government Policy and Legal Entitlements” which was facilitated by Disaster Relief Management Unit & HRC; in total, 66 beneficiaries were participated.

### Education

- World Vision Lanka distributed school uniforms 559 children studying in the Thumbankerny School in the resettled area of Vellavelly division. World Vision Lanka paid the examination fee and bore the cost of preparing the examination papers for all school children in Vellavelly and Paddipalai division for their 2nd term examination starting 13 September.
- On 6 September, SCiSL distributed 12 early childhood educational teachers’ kits and 450 chairs to 6 early childhood development centres. 150 tables and 395 education kits were distributed at 10 early childhood development centres in Vellavelly division.
- SCiSL with partner organization continues its supplementary feeding program to 3,200 early childhood education children in Kalkudah, Batticaloa and Paddiruppu educational zones.
- Two Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) constructed by UNICEF for schools in Vavunathivu and Vaharai resettled areas are almost complete. Survey of out of school children in Batticaloa district is ongoing.

### Health

- Arche noVa followed up on the hygiene program carried out in eight IDPs camps in Manmunai North and Chenkalady divisions.
- One complete dental unit was handed over to the Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) by Merlin for the Palayadivettai Central Dispensary in Paddipalai MOH area. This clinic will provide dental care access to 20,000 people in the area.
- On 4 September, Merlin handed over first aid kits to 3 pre-schools and two public libraries in Chenkalady division.
- Volunteers from IDP camps and camp management committees with the support of ESCO and Oxfam GB conducted a two-day hygiene awareness event in Arayampathy IDP camp on 5 and 6 September. 223 participants were taught key messages on personal hygiene, handling of safe drinking water, use of latrine, proper disposal of garbage and prevention of diarrhea.
- Health & Nutrition Coordination meeting was conducted on 11 September at RDHS office. WHO presented their health redevelopment plan in Batticaloa and also shared findings from their routine IDP sites assessment.

### Livelihood

- ESCO/Oxfam GB selected 100 IDPs in Arayampathy division for agriculture training.

## **AMPARA DISTRICT**

### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- According to UNHCR, IDP figures remain the same at 1566 families (5775 individuals) as of 06 September.
- The majority of the IDPs are living with friends and relatives while others are in tsunami transitional shelters. They are unable to return to their places of origin mainly in Muttur either because these places have not been included in the resettlement programmes or their land is within the newly created high security zone. Some IDPs are unwilling to return to their places of origin due to security concerns.

- The provision of adequate water and sanitation facilities and livelihood remain the main concerns.

### **Sector Response**

#### Shelter

- IOM-Ampara completed the internal electrical wiring of 13 relocation shelters in the Wesley camp in Kalmunai Tamil DS Division.

#### Food

- WFP conducted a workshop for 10 divisional authorities to ensure smooth implementation of VGF (vulnerable Group Feeding) /IDP Programme Assistance on 06 September for 50 participants from MPCS and DS.

#### Water and Sanitation

- IOM-Ampara upgraded 15 wells for beneficiaries of Save the Children tsunami transitional shelters in Pottuvil, Nintavur and Akkaraipattu.
- IOM-Ampara upgraded 3 wells for beneficiaries of relocation shelters in Thirukkivil.
- IOM-Ampara upgraded one bathing place and 3 aprons around water taps with drainage construction work in 2 refugee camps at Bridge site.
- IOM-Ampara upgraded one bathing place in the Methodist church refugees camp in Alayadivembu.
- IOM-Ampara conducted 02 awareness programmes on Solid waste management at Nintavur divisions for 35 families in tsunami transitional shelter sites on 10th & 11th of September 2007

#### Protection

- The Women & Children's Desk hosted a meeting on 10 September, to discuss and coordinate activities for International Children's Day on 01 October. A follow up meeting is scheduled for Sept 14.
- UNICEF supported Sarvodaya to provide Mine Risk Education to children and community members in Navithanveli Alayadivembu, Kalmunai, and Pottuvil. Further sessions will be provided in the next week in Thampattai, Thirukkivil, Addelaichenai and Hulanuge.

#### Psycho-social

- SCiSL constructed a Children Park on 03 September and provided play material to children on 11 September in Central Camp.
- SCiSL provided umbrellas to 78 children in Thuravanthiyamadu in Kalmunai Tamil division on 10 September.
- SCiSL provided push-bicycles to 4 children under the children re-unification programme on 11 September in Thandiyadi.
- SCiSL conducted 7 Awareness Programmes on Education & Health related subjects for parents, teachers and community members during the reporting period.
- SCiSL upgraded one pre-school in Himudurawa

#### Education

- SCiSL distributed 22 push-bicycles to school going children in Am/Himudurawa Vid. and Am/Demadamalpalasa Vid.
- SCiSL provided Income Generating Funds to the School Development Society (SDS) of Ak/Shakthi Vid and Preschool Committee of Kalaivaani Preschool for the benefit of the students.
- SCiSL provided play-items & school kits to 35 children in Maavadipalli.
- SCiSL arranged an exchange visit for the preschool children and Teacher from Maavadipalli to Thampattai.
- SCiSL arranged a three-day First Aid workshop for 30 students from 6 schools on emergency skills to reduce disaster risks during emergencies.
- SCiSL conducted a one-day workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction for 30 Basic Education Teachers as part of a capacity building programme to prepare the Teachers to effectively respond to children needs during emergencies.

Health

- IOM-Ampara completed 16 Hygiene murals in two schools in Addelaichenai G.M.M.S. School and Sainthamaruthu AL-Jalaal School on 10 September. All 16 Hygiene murals were selected in an art competition conducted among the school children.
- IOM-Ampara started the second round of the radio hygiene Awareness program in PIRAI FM (102.0Mz) on 12th of September

Livelihood

- Mercy Corps completed the following 4 projects under the Sri Lanka Grant Program 2005 (SLGP): Mushroom Cultivation Project in Kandahindagama for 30 beneficiaries, Cashew Processing Building in Mangalagama (Damana) for 290 beneficiary families, Handloom Project in Maruthamuani for 80 beneficiary families, and Mushroom Seed Processing Centre in Siyambalawewa for 53 association members.
- Mercy Corps is also implementing the following projects: Goat Rearing Project in Sammanthurai, which targets 48 families in Sennelgramam and Integrated Self employment Project in Karaitivu, Pandiruppu and Vinayapuram which targets 103 beneficiaries, Mangalagama Cashew Company Project to create employment for 35 people in Mangalagama village, Agriculture Road Development Project in Alimnagar, and fishery access road in Karaitivu.
- SCiSL has finalized 6 villages (Maavadipalli East, Vinayapuram 1, Sinna Palamunai, Oluvil 4, Cehnaikkudiyiruppu 1A, and Kalmunai 1) from 4 D.S. Division for a three-year Livelihood programme.