

## SITUATION REPORT # 92

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

13-20 September 2007

#### Situation Update

- The situation in most of the districts in the north and east remains tense.
- On 18 September, UN agencies received approval from the Ministry of Defense to transport the September fuel quota of 30,000 liters of diesel and 1,000 liters of petrol to the uncleared areas of Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi for their operations.

#### KILINCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

##### Internally Displaced Persons

- Official displacement figures from government sources (GAs and AGAs) are presented below. Since April 2006 80,835 persons living in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts have been displaced. This does not include the most recent arrivals to Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts from Mannar District; most notably in Poonakary Division where 218 families have arrived since August 29 2007.

	Displacement April - July 2006				Displacement August - December				Displacement since January 2007				Total since April	
	Individuals	Families	Source	Last update	Individuals	Families	Source	Last update	Individuals	Families	Source	Last update	Individuals	Families
<b>Mullaitivu</b>	<b>6,567</b>	<b>1,975</b>			<b>18,315</b>	<b>5,093</b>			<b>7,441</b>	<b>1,992</b>			<b>32,323</b>	<b>9,060</b>
- PTK	3,569	1,103	GA Mull	21-Aug-06	11,085	3,051	AGA	22-Feb-07	1,263	389	AGA	4-Jun-07	15,917	4,543
- Maritime Pattu	1,084	323	GA Mull	21-Aug-06	2,984	898	GA Mull	1-Mar-07	508	159	AGA	8-May-07	4,576	1,380
- Oddusudan	304	102	GA Mull	21-Aug-06	1,119	308	GA Mull	30-Oct-06	449	111	AGA	9-Jun-07	1,872	521
- Manthai East	622	157	GA Mull	21-Aug-06	1,588	437	GA Mull	30-Oct-06	4,517	1,124	AGA	6-Aug-07	6,727	1,718
- Thunukkai	988	290	GA Mull	21-Aug-06	1,539	399	GA Mull	30-Oct-06	704	209	AGA	23-Jul-07	3,231	898
<b>Kilinochchi</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>1,923</b>			<b>38,780</b>	<b>9,740</b>			<b>2,847</b>	<b>854</b>			<b>48,512</b>	<b>12,517</b>
- Karachchi	3,576	1,043	GA Kili	21-Aug-06	9,936	2,793	GA Kili	19.1.2007	1,455	479	AGA	31-Aug-07	14,967	4,315
- Kandawalai	1,422	374	GA Kili	21-Aug-06	12,327	3,376	GA Kili	19.1.2007	97	32	AGA	10-May-07	13,846	3,782
- Poonegary	1,887	506	GA Kili	21-Aug-06	16,517	3,571	GA Kili	19.1.2007	1,295	343	AGA	10-Sep-07	19,699	4,420
- Pallai	0	0	GA Kili	21-Aug-06	0	0	GA Kili	19.1.2007	0	0			0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,452</b>	<b>3,898</b>			<b>57,095</b>	<b>14,833</b>			<b>10,288</b>	<b>2,846</b>			<b>80,835</b>	<b>21,577</b>

- On 17 September, UNHCR with the support of sister UN agencies and the INGOs Oxfam, World Vision, FORUT and ZOA conducted a Joint Needs Assessment in 8 IDP villages to identify immediate protection concerns and needs of the recently displaced people from the uncleared areas of Manthai West. The assessment report and findings will be published at the Inter-Agency Meeting on 21 September.
- Displacement continues from the Manthai West areas. AGA- Manthai West reported on 17 September, that 2,078 IDP families (8,405 individuals) from 11 villages have been displaced since 29 August 2007.

#### Sector Response

##### Shelter

- Caritas-Hudec built two temporary sheds [50' x 20'] in the Mulankavil area [Poonakary] to accommodate the 11 IDPs families displaced from Manthai West and now settled in the Mulankavil Catholic Church.
- World Vision reports that 25 temporary shelters out of a planned 200 shelters are partially complete in Vellankulam village in Mannar for newly resettled IDP families.
- On 19 September, FORUT handed over 66 temporary shelters to IDPs settled in Poonakary and Karachchi AGA divisions Kilinochchi through Foreign Ministry of Norway funding.
- On 19 September, UNHCR reported that since Jan 2007, 6,090 temporary shelters have been constructed by humanitarian actors for IDPs in the districts out of a committed 8,293 shelters.

- As at 19 September, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) had started the construction of 100 new temporary shelters in the Pandiyankulam area for IDPs displaced in early 2007.
- During the reporting period, Solidar completed the construction of 15 temporary shelters in Puthukkudiyiruppu AGA division [Mullaitivu] and 11 temporary shelters in Paaliyaru [Manthai West AGA division-Mannar]

### Food

- On 17 September, WFP transported 130 MT of wheat flour to Kilinochchi and 20 MT of dhal for Mullaitivu's dry ration distribution.
- 236 newly displaced families from Mannar settled in the Mulankavil area [Poonakary] were given supplementary food packs for two weeks by Caritas-Hudec last week.

### Water and Sanitation

- UNICEF conducted a hygiene promotion programme on 18 September at the Mulankavil School for 250 displaced students and seven teachers.
- ZOA continue bowsering water to six IDP locations in Mulankavil [Poonakary] and five IDP locations in the uncleared areas of Manthai West. World Vision bowsers water to three IDP locations.
- Hudec-Caritas built two temporary toilets at the Mulankavil parish for 11 IDP families originating from Mannar.

### NFRI

- On 14 September, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) distributed NFRI items to 109 IDP families recently displaced from areas closer to the Mannar FDL.
- On 18 September, 274 newly displaced families settled in the Kovilkulam and Aathimoddai villages in Manthai West AGA division were given NFRI assistance by ICRC.

### Protection

- On 18 and 19 September, UNICEF implementing partner Annai Illam conducted a one-day counseling session on building better relationships between teachers and others, enhancement of self esteem and development of personality for 221 children from the Murukanantha and ST. Theresa Schools in Kilinochchi.
- UNICEF implementation partner White Pigeon conducted MRE (Mine Risk Education) sessions for 4,655 people from 12 villages in the districts.

### Education

- SCiSL arranged five-day trainings for 100 newly appointed pre-school teachers to the districts. 32 pre-school teachers from SCiSL project villages were trained on how to identify "differently abled" children in the community on 13 and 14 September. SCiSL also provided learning materials to displaced children living in the Kalmadu IDP settlement in Kilinochchi on 14 September.
- FORUT on 14 and 15 September organized a two-day sports coaching camp for 60 children from schools in Thunukkai AGA division [Mullaitivu].
- UNICEF has completed the construction of five temporary learning spaces [100'x20'] in the Kilinochchi Education Zone. UNICEF also conducted an assessment on 14 September to identify the needs of the displaced children settled in Mulankavil [Poonakary], Vellankulam and Paaliyaru [Mannar].

### Health

- On 13 September, UNICEF provided 150 mosquito kits, a plastic water tank, 20 tarapaulins, toys, lanterns, cooking sets, soaps, mats, sheets and towels to the MOH to distribute to 300 IDP families in Mulankavil.

### Livelihood

- Solidar under the UNHCR funded QIP [Quick Impact Project] distributed cows and hens to 26 women headed IDP families living in Paranthan village-Kilinochchi on 14 September.
- On 14 September, FORUT provided livestock assistances to 12 vulnerable families in Poonakary. FORUT also distributed seeds for high land crop production to 20 beneficiaries in Jeyapuram and Poonakary on 13 and 14

September. On 17 September, FORUT trained 18 beneficiaries from the Ananivilunthan village on animal husbandry techniques.

### **JAFFNA DISTRICT**

#### Food Security

- On 13 September, FAO handed over 86 fishing OBMs (Out Boat Motors) to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of Jaffna to be distributed to 86 conflict-affected vulnerable beneficiaries in the 8 divisions of the district.

#### Education

- SCiSL distributed six laminating machines, eight white boards and a water pump to six schools in Sandillipay, two schools in Chavakachcheri and a school in Chankanai.
- SCiSL distributed five wooden chairs, one library table and three steel cupboards to a school in Karaveddy division and supplied 25 sets of library books to 25 schools in Karaveddy, Chankanai, Sandilipay and Kopay divisions.
- Minor repair work is carried out by SCiSL in 22 schools in four zones. Temporary class room constructions are ongoing in four schools in four zones.
- SCiSL distributed sports items such as carom boards, badminton rackets, netballs and chess boards to six schools in Sandillipay division.
- Three Child friendly Space sports kits were distributed by SCiSL to the Chankanai, Thellippalai, Uduvil Welfare centers.

#### NFRI

- SCiSL distributed 537 pairs of shoes to children in the three schools in Chankanai and Karaveddy division. Plastic items such as containers, mats, buckets and basins were distributed to 120 schools in Island and Jaffna Zones.
- SCiSL supplied five water filters to two village level child protection committees in the Jaffna area. A P4 computer was give to Puthur West Village level child protection committee in Puthur

### **MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS**

#### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- The GA office reports that there are 5,834 families (21,928 individuals) displaced in Mannar district and 3,071 families (10,302 persons) displaced in Vavuniya district as at 20 September.

#### **Sector Response**

##### Shelter

- From 13–15 September, UNHCR and CARE distributed 144 family tents and four plastic sheets to IDPs staying in Umanagary, Kovankulam, Mottakadai and Pallankottai in Nanaddan DS division, Mannar.
- UNHCR reports that the construction of semi-permanent shelters at the relocation site in Kankankulam is complete and that work on the construction of the road has started. The construction of houses at Kalmadhu is in progress and is expected to be handed over on 26 September.
- UNHCR is planning to construct a relocation site for 300 IDP families from welfare centers on a GA identified land in Cheddikulam DS Division. Procedure for the UNDP mine clearance certificate is underway

### Water and Sanitation

- On 18 September, OXFAM completed the construction of three sets of toilets, set up 2,000 liter capacity water tanks, cleaned three wells and tested the quality of water in Razool Puthuvely in Nanaddan DS division.
- From 17-19 September, ICRC with CARE and the Sri Lanka Red Cross (SLRC) distributed hygiene packs to 324 IDPs staying in Umanakiri, Kovankulam, Achankulam and Moddakadai in Nanaddan DSD, Mannar.
- On 17 September, OXFAM completed the construction of a bathing space in the Murunkan church compound and set up a 2,000 liter capacity water tank.
- On 19 September, CARE International completed the construction of ten toilets for vulnerable families in Annanagar in Vavuniya.
- From 10-13 September, OXFAM provided six water tanks to Moddaikadai, Achchankulam, Umanakari and Kowvankulam.
- NFRI
- From 6–17 September, SCiSL distributed two sets of children’s cloth material to 605 IDP children living in Ponthevukandal, Nanattan MV, Nanattan MV, Achchankulam and Umanagari in Nanaddan DS division.
- From 19–20 September, SCiSL distributed NFRI packages to 24 recent Musali IDP families in Keeri GN division.
- From 12-14 September, OXFAM distributed cloth material to 677 recent Musali IDPs staying in Umanagari in Nanaddan DS division.
- On 18 September, UNCHR and CARE distributed NFRI packs to 65 IDP families staying in Achankulam, Umanakiri and Kovankulam in Nanaddan DS division.

### Education

- On 13 and 14 September, JRS completed the distribution of sets of stationary items to 648 displaced students in Thevanpidy, Aathimodai, Koorai, Puthikulam, Saverikulam, Kovilkulam and Kalliady in Manthai West.
- On 19 September, ZOA completed the construction of 24 temporary learning spaces (12’x17’) in Nanaddan MV and Murunkan MV to accommodate displaced children and provided 24 black board, floor sheets, and water tanks.
- On 14 September, ZOA provided common kitchen utensils and plate sets to the Nanaddan and Murunkan schools to continue regular school feeding programmes.
- From 12-14 September, JRS completed the distribution of stationary items to 273 displaced students in Kokupudayan, Marathamadhu, S.P.Potkerny, Mullikulam in Nanaddan DS division.

### Protection

- On 15 September, FORUT conducted a workshop on alcohol and drug addiction for 30 community workers in Vavuniya and Cheddikulam.
- From 15-16 September, UNICEF and FORUT facilitated a leadership development program for 69 displaced children in Cheddikulam DS division.
- On 16 September, FORUT and the Rural Women Forum (RWF) conducted a one-day training programme on child abuse and protection for 29 parents of displaced students from Thalikulam in Vavuniya DS division.
- From 10–18 September, JRS conducted a group therapy programme for IDP children from Arippu in Nanattan DS division.
- From 9-13 September, SCiSL and the Sewa Lanka Foundation organized a community clean up activity for 166 children.

### Psycho-social

- ZOA continue to provide psycho-social support to 319 IDP families including 285 children in Murunkan and Nanaddan.

### Health

- On 19 September, ZOA completed the construction of common temporary shelters to conduct clinics at the Rice Mill site and Murungan MV school site in Nanaddan.

### Food security

- From 8–16 September, ZOA distributed different potted vegetable plants to 312 families staying in Thalvupadu, Keeri, Pattim, Euthoor, Panankadukodu, Eamil Nagar in Mannar DS division.

### Livelihood

- On 17 September, FORUT and partner CEFCO conducted a one-day interactive discussion, with livestock breeders in-order to form A Livestock Breeder's Co-Operative Society in Cheddikulam.
- On 17 September, CARE distributed chicks and goats to 17 vulnerable families living in Alahapuriin Cheddikkulam DSD, Vavuniya and each beneficiary received 55 chicks and 2 goats

## TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

### **Situation update**

- IDPs originally from Ariyamankerni, Muttur DS Division living temporarily in Lingapuram, are reluctant to return since a shooting incident on 06 September, according to local information. CARE recently supported a cash for work scheme for the IDPs to build semi-permanent shelters for the community close to the village, allowing them to work on their houses and stay in collective security at night. This incident is another setback for the long return of the residents of this village.
- Trincomalee General Hospital staff participated in a token strike on 18 September in protest against an armed group demanding money from doctors. Police/security personnel visited the hospital and assured the staff that adequate measures were taken to avoid such threats. The strike was called off but doctors warned that any further incident could result in a nation-wide strike.

### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- On 14 September, 100 IDPs originally from Muttur West returned from Batticaloa as per organized planning. On the same day 10 families (23 individuals) originating from Muthur East traveled via Eachchilampattai and are now accommodated in the Peruvelli IDP Transit Site near Kiliveddy, Muttur DS Division. As of 12 September, there were 1,100 IDP families (3,640 individuals) residing at the Kiliveddy/other transit sites.

### **Sector Response**

#### Shelter

- The Coordinating Director for Trincomalee of the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief, Rear Admiral (rtd) H.R. Amaraweera reported at the Shelter Coordination Meeting on 19 September that government authorities are planning to reduce the High Security Zone in Muttur East by five GN divisions. Currently the SLA is carrying out de-mining. Resettlement should then follow.
- NRC reported at the weekly Shelter Coordination Meeting that they have completed the construction of semi-permanent shelters in Eachchilampattai for IDPs with fully damaged houses in Sooranagar and work is ongoing on the construction of 105 shelters of the 185 in Karukamunai.
- CARE reports that they have completed the construction of 59 shelters out of the 132 planned for Poomaraththadicheinai but are waiting for the issuance of a Low Risk Mine Certificate to proceed with the remaining work.
- ICRC has improved the roofing and drainage in its Plot in the Kiliveddy Transit Sites in preparation for the rainy season. ICRC has also built 12 shelters in Sivapuram and 14 shelters in Thanganagar in Seruvila DS Division.

- JRS completed the construction of 68 semi-permanent shelters planned for Eachchilampattai GN Division. JRS has also been approached by the ADS of Muttur to build shelters for returnees to Muttur West. As discussed at the Shelter Coordination meeting it was agreed that requests should come through UNHCR that is the sector lead.

### Food

- 25 MT of high-nutrient WFP Corn Soya Blended food was dispatched to four divisions within Trincomalee to support 8,249 pregnant or nursing mothers and children under five years of age. This is part of WFP's Mother and Child Nutrition Programme.
- 46 MT of mixed commodities were sent to 47 schools in Trincomalee where 8,589 students receive assistance through WFP's School Feeding Programme.
- 4 MT of food were dispatched to Morawewa and Town & Gravets for distribution to 805 beneficiaries under WFP's Food for Work programme. These beneficiaries have completed the first phase of road construction and training programmes designed to build capacity within vulnerable communities.
- The Trincomalee Government Agent authorized the release of 7 MT of WFP food to feed 907 IDPs staying with host families in Kinniya, Thampalakamam, Kuchchaveli, and Town & Gravets. This two-week ration will mark the first time most of these persons received WFP assistance in months. All of these IDPs originate from East Muthur and Sampoor and are not able to return due to the high-security zone in these areas.
- 23 MT of WFP food was dispatched to Muttur and Eachchilampattai to feed all registered IDPs/Returnees for the next two weeks.

### Water and Sanitation

- In the new Peruvelli IDP Transit Site (Kiliveddy) UNHCR, distributed 10 UNICEF hygiene kits, jerry cans to new arrivals.
- A coordination meeting was held at the DS Office on 13 September where all watsan agencies made commitments for toilet construction. CARE will implement 60 permanent toilets, Oxfam 30 permanent toilets as well as temporary toilets for the 2 sites where people are staying in tents, LEADS 50 permanent toilets (reported by the DS), PIN between 50 and 60 toilets (IOM funded) and ZOA 250 permanent toilets. NRC is planning to repair damaged toilets and will then assess needs and available resources. MSF will consider commitment for sanitation facilities.
- At the Hindu Cultural Hall in Town and Gravets DS Division World Vision has stopped the trucking of water and DS is trying to find a solution through the existing water system. The Coordinating Director for Trincomalee of the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief stated at a Shelter Coordination meeting on 19 September that he will follow up with the DS to find a solution. The World Vision bowser is needed to provide drinking water in Eachchilampattai DS division while there is a connection to the main water supply available at the Hindu Cultural Hall.

### Education

- A total of 14 schools in Eachchilampattai DS Division are now operational, but children in the Sri Sitivinayagar School in Poomaradatchenai are attending neighbouring schools due to severe structural damage to their school. NECORD has initiated work in 4 schools, and have tendered the work for an additional 5 schools, whilst the tender for one school is been considered. The cost to repair four schools in Eachchilampattai affected by conflict is so far not covered by the Government, and no partners have come forward with any definite commitment. Gaps remain for teachers/student furniture, uniforms, textbooks and teaching learning materials. UNICEF and the Zonal Education Office are working to fill the gaps.
- Teachers have to a large extent returned to the Eachchilampattai schools, but are facing problems with shelter and some with restrictions regarding movement for evening classes that are held to support children preparing for exams. Some teachers are still residing outside Eachchilampattai, but traveling there for school days only.
- Preliminary findings are showing that most documents stored in schools in Eachchilampattai have been destroyed during the conflict including birth certificates, admission forms, certificates and other relevant documentation. This will be a serious constraint for children when registering for exams and common competitions. UNICEF is working with the Zonal Education Office and NRC to find solutions.

- UNICEF supported a teacher training focusing on addressing children's psycho-social needs. It was attended by 336 teachers from 32 schools in emergency-affected areas. In the coming month a joint monitoring will be organized and a gathering of some teachers is planned after two months for review purposes.

### Protection

- The district NRC Camp Management Training team provided Mine Awareness Training to ARC and HCI, sectoral training at the Kiliveddy sites, and a two-day CMT divisional training to staff and volunteers from AHAM and Sarvodaya.

### Food Security and Livelihood

- FAO with the Department of Animal Production and Health distributed 500 one month old chicks along with 2,500 kg of poultry feed to 50 vulnerable resettled families at Ralkully in Muthur division on 17 September.
- In the last Agriculture and Food Security Coordination Meeting, the Coordinating Director for Trincomalee of the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief reported that the Fishing ban has been lifted and the use of up to 15 horse powered engines are permitted to operate 02 Km from the coast south of Lankapatuna Ilangathurai Mugathuvaram GN Division, Eachchilampattai DS Division. Furthermore, fishing out to 5km is permitted from the Flag Staff Point to Kokilai from 0400 – 1800 hrs.
- The construction of a milk chilling centre and sales outlet commenced on 15 September at the Thampalakamam Veterinary office site. The UNDP Transition Programme is funding this project with the support of the Department of Animal Production & Health and the Livestock Breeders Cooperative Society in Thampalakamam will operate and maintain the milk chilling centre and sales outlet. More than 2,000 dairy farmers in the DS division will directly benefit from the project.
- The construction of the 1 km main irrigation canal at Morawewa commenced on 18 September. The UNDP Transition programme is funding this project and the Department of Irrigation is providing the necessary technical assistance to the contractors. The resettled farming community in Namalwatta, Auvai Nagar and Trac 4 in Morawewa DS division will become direct beneficiaries of the project.

## **BATTICALOA DISTRICT**

### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- According to Government statistics as at 12 September 2007, the total registered IDP population in the District is 10,346 families (38,349 individuals).
- As at 11 September, the Office of the Batticaloa Government Agent reported that 108,536 persons (33,157 families) have been resettled from/within Batticaloa District, namely 15,524 persons (4,545 families) to Vaharai; 29,243 persons (9,069 families) to Vellavelly; 21,550 persons (6,431 families) to Paddipalai; 27,519 persons (8,014 families) to Vavunatheevu; and 14,700 persons (5,098 families) to Trincomalee District.
- IDPs have been resettled to the DS divisions of Paddipalai, Vavunatheevu and Vellavelly in Batticaloa West, with the resettlement of approximately 2,800 residents of Aythiyamalai North and South GN divisions in Vavunathivu (delayed due to demining operations) on 11 September. No dates have yet been announced for returns to the cleared areas of Chenkalady and Kiran. Returns to Muthur West also occurred on 13 September.
- With the improvement of access to Batticaloa West resettlement areas, 16 INGOs were able to enter the divisions of Vellavelly, Paddipalai and Vavunathivu last week.

### **Sector Response**

#### Shelter

- The NRC shelter team is undertaking Care and Maintenance upgrades of longer term IDP camps across the district.
- NRC completed the fencing and fitting of gates in the Palameenmadu 2 camp, fitted gates and repaired leaking ridges of 122 shelters in Palameenmadu 1 camp in Manmunai North (MN) division.

- NRC fitted gates to all entrances of Zahira College camp, completed a new perimeter fence and, working with UNOPS, repaired 13 looted hangers with new tarp covering and partitions in Saththurukondan railway camp in MN division.
- NRC commenced a program of repairs to roofs and damaged fences in Savukkady camp in Chenkalady division.
- NRC upgraded 129 damaged shelters and provided 155 new transitional shelters to the returned families in Vaharai division.
- At the Panichankerny site, a total of 160 shelters were completed by IOM (40 completed during this reporting period); and 59 are under construction. Material distribution is on-going for 27 shelters at Pannichayady Munmari GN divisions in Paddipalai DS division.
- At Mavady Munmari, 45 shelters were completed by IOM; the remaining 25 shelters are under construction. Repair work on 22 shelters at Mankerny in Vaharai division has commenced.
- Based on IOM's shelter need assessment, material distribution is on-going for 68 shelters at Kachakudy Swamimalai in Paddipalai division.
- At Palameenmadu in MN division, 84 shelters were decommissioned by IOM during the reporting period.
- During the reporting period, ZOA distributed 210 shelter units to newly resettled families in Ammanthanawely in Vaharai division through EHED and 250 shelter units were distributed to host families living in Valachchenai division.
- ZOA completed shelter assessments in Vavunatheevu, Thikkodai, Saravanaiyadiuththu and Vammiyadiuththu GN divisions in West Batticaloa and is ready to distribute material for the construction of semi-permanent shelters.
- UNHCR distributed 56 emergency shelter kits in Puthu Mandapathady in Vavunatheevu division.

### Food

- Agencies Sewalanka, Koinonia, ASB, OFFER and arche noVa are continuing to provide food rations in welfare centers and IDPs with host families.
- During the week from 13-20 September, 194.13 MT GA/WFP food rations were provided to 28,889 beneficiaries in welfare centers, host families and resettled divisions.
- There is a need for complimentary food assistance in the West of Batticaloa resettled area. Currently, nine GN divisions (out of 34) in Vellavelly, four GN divisions (out of 24) in Paddipalai and 7 GN divisions (out of 24) in Vavunathivu are covered by the ICRC and 2 GN divisions in Vavunathivu are covered by Help from Germany.

### Water and Sanitation

- On 18 September, USAID OFDA mission watsan advisor visited Batticaloa to assess the IDP and resettlement situation and to discuss important concerns with watsan partners. Camps in Chenkalady and Manmunai North were visited as well as Vavunathivu resettlement area. The mission was hosted by UNICEF.
- In Sathurokondan railway site, 8 temporary toilets are being constructed through Acted/UNICEF for relocated IDPs who have moved from Kokkuvil cemetery site.
- Within the frame of the (IDP) camp consolidation program in MN division, 6 new tube wells with hand pumps have been built by arche noVa in the Saththurukondan railway camp and 6 shallow tube well hand pumps have been rehabilitated by arche nova.
- Arche noVa's follow up of the hygiene program was carried out in all five IDPs camps in MN division and 1 camp in Kaluwanchikudy division. In Zahira college in MN division, 32 volunteers were trained and a bog cleaning action was initiated.
- NRC provided 10 hand operated tube wells for returnee families in Sinna Thattumunai and Periya Thattumunai in Vaharai division.
- Oxfam GB/ ESCO completed the construction of 48 permanent toilets at an Oxfam Australia housing site in Vaharai division.
- During the week, Oxfam GB/ ESCO decommissioned 53 emergency and semi-permanent latrines in the Parankiyamadu and Maruthanagar IDP sites in Kiran division.
- One tube well was repaired in Maruthanagar and one emergency toilet pit was repaired at the Kovilkulam annex IDP camp by Oxfam GB.
- At Nochimunai in MN division, 38 toilets are under construction by IOM.

- In coordination with Kokkaddicholai Pradesha Sabah IOM cleaned 18 wells in Paddipalai division.
- During this week, Oxfam GB/ Sarvodaya completed the construction of two units of permanent toilets in Eravur Rahumania Vidialayam and two permanent toilets units in the Mylampavali Vipulanatha School in Chenkalady division.
- OXFAM GB, Pradesha Sabah, arche noVa/ UNICEF and World Vision bowsered close to 900,000 liters of water per day to sites in Valachchenai, Chenkalady, Kiran, Manmunai West, MN and Vaharai last week.

### NFRI

- ZOA distributed basic NFRI packs to 943 families in Thikkodai, Saravanaiyadiuththu and Vammiyadiuththu GN division in Vellavelly DS division.
- UNHCR distributed 128 mosquito nets to IDPs in Saththurukondan 3 camp in MN division.
- On 19 September, SCiSL provided 1,565 children's cloth material to resettled children in three resettled villages of Vellavelly division

### Protection

- The NRC Camp Management Training team conducted on-site trainings for IDP committee members of Sinhala the Maha Vidyalaya in MN division and Kovilkulam IDP site in Arayampathy division, and sectoral training for IDP committee members of Kokkuvil 2 &3, Zahira welfare centre in MN division and Kovilkulam in Arayampathy division; in total 148 members benefited from these trainings.
- UNICEF supported mine risk awareness programmes were conducted in 6 villages in Vavunathivu division and in 11 villages in Vaharai division. A total number of 93 men, 153 women, 271 girls and 250 boys benefited from the programme. Five UXOs reports were received during the reporting period.
- Mobile documentation services organized by the Ministry for Constitutional Affairs and National Integration took place in Kaluwanchikudy on 15 September, in Vellavelly on 16 September and in Paddipalai on 17 September. UNHCR assisted the DSs of Paddipalai, Vellavelly and Vavunathivu by printing leaflets listing civil documentation application requirements.
- UNHCR and its protection partners continue to monitor returnee areas and IDP sites within the district, and continue to advocate 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.
- On 17 and 18 September, SCiSL provided training on 'facilitation skills' to 6 facilitators, 10 pre-school teachers and 2 partner staff who will be involved in physical activities in the Vellavelly division.
- On 13 September, 15 partner facilitators working in the IDP camps in MN division were given training on child participation by SCiSL.
- On 15 September, SCiSL conducted training on disaster preparedness, disaster type and their impact, emergency preparedness and child led disaster risk reduction for 28 participants from civil society and IDP camp management authorities.

### Psycho-social

- On 13, 17, 18 and 19 September, IOM organized a workshop in Thiraimadu, Thiruchenthoor in MN division, Kayankerny in Vaharai division and Kurukkalmadam on "Government Policy and Legal Entitlements" for 186 persons and was facilitated by the Disaster Relief Management Unit and Human Rights Commission.

### Education

- NRC repaired one damaged school in Kattumuruvikulam and built one temporary learning space in Vaharai division and the construction of five learning spaces at Panichchankerny and two learning spaces at Kathirveli in the division are in progress.
- NRC built a temporary shelter extension for a kitchen and provided 3 hand operated tube wells at Panichchankerny School in Vaharai division.

- SCiSL distributed 500 educational kits and 28 bicycles to the newly resettled children at Kalaimagal Vidyalayam in the Vellavelly division on 14 September.
- SCiSL supported 100 school drop-out children with back to school kits such as school bags and stationeries on 13 September. On 18 September, SCiSL provided back to school educational kits to 28 drop-out children in Santhively in Chenkalady division through its partner organization RDPO.
- SCiSL continues to support 6,000 ordinary level (O/L) children with special coaching classes in collaboration with Paddiruppu and Batticalao zonal educational departments.
- SCiSL continues to provide 3,200 early childhood educational children in the Batticaloa, Kalkudah and Paddiruppu educational zones with nutritious supplementary.

### Health

- As part of capacity building for the public health promoters, Oxfam GB conducted a monitoring and evaluation workshop for 15 Oxfam and partner agency staff on 14 September. The participants were trained on understanding what is monitoring and evaluation; log frame Indicators, participatory monitoring approaches, monitoring tools etc.
- On 15 September, a Child to Child workshop was conducted by Oxfam GB for 14 Oxfam and partner agencies staff on the Child-to-Child approach, concept and dimension, teaching methods for children etc.
- On 18 September, on the request of the DPDHS, 200 Public Health volunteer manuals were hand over by Oxfam GB to the DPDHS.
- Merlin organized a full day “Health, Cultural and Sports” program in partnership with IDPs in Koralkerny in Chenkalady division on 14 September for 1,000 persons from the camp and nearby community.
- Merlin continued operating medical mobile teams from 10 -14 and 17- 19 September, and attended to 551 cases at 8 IDP camps and resettled communities in Arayampathy, Vaharai, west of Batticaloa and Munmunai North divisions.
- During the reporting period, Merlin under its infection control program constructed a placenta disposal pit at hospitals in Periyakallar, Kaluwanchikudy, Arayampathy, Kattankudy, Eravur and Chenkalady. Merlin rehabilitated three Ante Natal Clinics (ANC) in Arayampathy, Kirankulam and Eruvil.
- Merlin handed over 8 tables and 16 benches to clinic centers in Kayankerni, Mankerny, Panchankerni, Ampanthanavelly, Kattumurivu and Kathiravelly and 4 tables and 4 benches to MOH Vaharai to be used in the district hospital.
- A WHO Emergency Health team visited 26 IDP camps in the Batticaloa district. The main issue was that of toilet quality and quantity. Some camps (eg Koralkerny 3 camp in Valaichenai) had more than 90 people per functioning toilet (as opposed to the Sphere standard of 20 people per toilet). Overall 16 of the 26 camps surveyed were unsatisfactory. The deficiencies in watsan have been shared with the Batticaloa watsan group, who are working to address watsan issues in both the resettled areas as well as remaining IDP camps. There were no major outbreaks of communicable diseases at the camps visited.
- Medical mobile clinic are still being carried out by the Medical Officers of Health (MOH) and various NGOs and INGOs. Only 3 camps had an insufficient frequency of clinics – Chathurukondan 1, Kokkuvil 1, Sinna Urani 1 – all in the Batticaloa MOH area. Those carrying out mobile medical clinics have been informed.
- The resettlement district of Vavunathivu was assessed on 11 September. The population of this MOH area is currently 31,000 persons.
- The midwives and the MOH run 20 antenatal clinics, 20 family planning clinics and 21 well-baby clinics each month.
- WHO has supplied spot lamps, suction apparatus, pulse oximeters, autoclave, infant warmer, eight oxygen regulators, 15 chlorine test kit, 12 delivery kits, 3 ECG machines, 3 nebulisers, 10 sphygmometers, 3 phototherapy units and ten vaginal speculums to the Batticaloa DPDHS.
- UNICEF conducted orientation training on the nutrition rehabilitation programme for 45 health personnel (MOHs, PHNS, SPHI, PHM and PHI) from Paddipalai, Vellavelly and Vavunatheevu MOH areas this week.
- UNICEF distributed 18 height/length measuring boards, 18 electronic weighing scales, 3 MT of High Energy Biscuits and other relevant material to the Vavunathivu, Paddipalai and Vellavelly MOHs areas.

### Food Security

- FAO provided 400 vulnerable farmer families in Vavunathivu and 200 families in Paddipalai division with 6 varieties of mixed vegetable seeds, fertilizer and tools during the reporting period.

### Livelihood

- Oxfam GB on 17 September started 20 days training on coconut shell ornament making for 30 IDPs from host families in Santhively.
- In order to implement the recovery programme, Oxfam GB and partner CRDO conducted an assessment on the Food Security and Livelihood Recovery program in three villages in Paddipalai division during the week.
- In Kaddumurivu, 117 beneficiaries were selected to receive goats, furniture and basic agriculture equipments through Sarvodaya, funded by UNDP
- During the reporting period, a social canteen was provided by UNDP to enhance the livelihood of the Bharathy Women Society at Kandaladi in Vaharai division.

## AMPARA DISTRICTS

### **Internally Displaced Persons**

- According to UNHCR, IDP figures remain the same at 1,566 families (5,775 individuals) as of 20 September 2007.

### **Sector Response**

#### Shelter

- IOM completed 10 shelter upgrades at the UNHCR relocation shelter site in Periyanelavanai, Kalmunai Tamil DS.
- IOM completed the internal wiring of 48 transitional shelters in the Thekancholai camp – Kalmunai Tamil DS.
- IOM completed 25 NRC relocation shelters for the Kudinilam refugee camp beneficiaries in Thirukkivil DS Division.
- Sainthamaruthu DS requested IOM for 68 shelter kitchen upgrades and 45 relocation shelters to be built on government and beneficiary land.

#### Food

- WFP reports that rice stocks are depleted in the district warehouse. IDPs will receive double rations of wheat flour in the absence of rice.

#### Water and Sanitation

- IOM conducted a workshop for all Public Health Inspectors (PHI) and MOH on 20 September on gully sucking and garbage disposal in the camps.
- IOM continues the distribution of water to the Navithenvelli TRO camp and Thirukivil DS Division through the Pradeshiya Sabas.

#### NFRI

- SCiSL distributed 196 women kits and 329 school kits to IDPs in Kalmunai last week.
- The past week, SCiSL provided play materials (Footballs, Volleyballs, Badminton rackets, Cricket set and stationeries) to the Kalmunai IDP Child Friendly Spaces.
- SCiSL performed an assessment and collected data about pre-schools where IDP children are studying in Kalmunai and Alayadivembu. The findings are compiled.

#### Protection

- IOM conducted five workshops on gender and protection in Kalmunai and Addelaichenai DS division for target beneficiaries living in the IOM care and maintenance sites.

### Education

- Handicap International provided training to Sport without Borders' staff in Pottuvil to raise awareness on disability issues and enable them to include people with disabilities in their activities.
- Handicap International distributed a children's booklet "Yuti" in five schools (Uhana, Iragamam, Ampara, Kalmunai) and two youth centers (Kalmunai, Himidurawa) and two libraries (Ampara town & Muwangala village in Ampara division )
- 70 bicycles, 24 footballs and 11 water filters were distributed by SCiSL to school going students in 7 schools in the Akkaraipattu Zonal Education Division.
- SCiSL conducted a program on the "Importance of Early Childhood Education" to parents in Alayadivembu.
- SCiSL conducted "A First Aid" training and workshop on "Children with Disability" for pre- school teachers in Lahugala.
- Two parent awareness programmes were conducted by SCiSL on "How to Develop a Child Friendly Environment" at pre- schools and homes at Alankulam and Vinayagapuram in Thirukkivil.
- SCiSL distributed 78 umbrellas among pre-school and children club in Thuravanthiyamadu, in Kalmunai Tamil.
- SCiSL gave four bicycles to children in the Vinayagapuram and Thandiyadi villages in Thirukivil.

### Health

- IOM completed 16 hygiene wall paintings (hygiene murals) in Dharulhassanath and AL-Hithaya schools in Addalaichenai division on 17 September. The 16 hygiene pictures for wall paintings were collected from a hygiene art competition among the school children.
- IOM distributed 28 toilet cleaning tools at eight tsunami transitional shelter sites in Sainthamaruthu division on 19 and 18 September.

### Livelihood

- IOM launched community livelihood support projects (CLSP) in the district to support vulnerable communities through community-driven strategies. The construction of a public market in Pasarichenai-Pottuvil, rehabilitation and reconstruction of primary school in Kaliyantivu- Thirukkivil Division, construction of a multi-purpose building at Thiruvanoor in Navithanvely Division, construction of an irrigation channel in Weheragala in Damana Division, micro small enterprises development are some of the ongoing activities.
- Handicap International is still working with ILO in Maha Oya to ensure the follow up of a livelihood project for people with disabilities.
- SCiSL conducted a nine-day workshop on "Business Development Service including Technical Extension Service in Himudurawa (Uhana) and Central Camp (Navithanveli).
- 30 households in Himudurawa and 32 households in Central Camp receive SCiSL income generation support. Each family received 50,000 rupees as a cash grant.

### Food Security

- FAO in collaboration with the Village Rehabilitation Committee (VRC) distributed 220 fruit plants to 22 vulnerable farmers in Pandiruppu Village (Kalmunai Tamil) as part of its home gardening project.

### Infrastructure

- Handicap International (HI) has conducted some focused group discussions with people with disabilities to get their opinion on buildings they would like to access. HI continues to advocate with the authorities (DS, GA level) on accessibility issues. Some of these constructions of accessibility features are planned to be directly implemented by Handicap International. Handicap International also works with USAID to add accessibility features within the buildings that they are constructing in the coastal area.