

SITUATION REPORT # 93

KILINNOCHCHI, MULLAITIVU, MANNAR, VAVUNIYA, TRINCOMALEE, BATTICALOA & AMPARA DISTRICTS

20-27 September 2007

General Situation update

- The situation in Mannar district remains tense due to armed clashes and exchange of artillery fire reported by media and the MCNS.
- 25-27 September 2007, United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Neil Buhne and representatives from UNHCR, UNDP, OCHA and CIDA were on mission to the Vavuniya and Mannar districts. They participated in a handing over ceremony of permanent and semi-permanent shelters to long term IDPs in the districts. They had a meeting with GA and security officers to know the districts situation. GA requested to the mission to assist empty the welfare center and provide durable solution with comprehensive package.
- On 26 September, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Mannar district coordinator Rev.Fr. Packiaranjith Nicholapillai was killed and two staff injured in a claymore attack at Kalvilaan in Thunukkai AGA division (Mullaitivu district)

KILINNOCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

Situation update

- Uyilankulam FDL [Mannar district] is still closed for movements from 3 September.
- AGA-Madhu is coordinating all Manthai West [MW] response since last week while AGA MW is on leave.

Internally Displaced Persons

- Displacements still occur in the Manthai West areas. AGA Manthai West reported on 23 September that there are 2,301 displaced families (9,201 persons) in 13 villages since August 29 2007.
- 482 IDP families displaced from Madhu areas and now accommodated in the uncleared areas close to the Periyamadu village will move further north if shelling continues.
- During the Inter-Agency Meeting held on 21 September in Kilinochchi, the Manthai West' Joint Needs Assessment Report was distributed to the humanitarian agencies as well sector lead agencies to add their sector conclusion with this assessment.

Sector Response

Shelter

- 26 September, ZOA handed over 35 temporary shelters to the recently displaced in the Mulankavil area in Poonakary AGA division-Kilinochchi.
- Caritas-Hudec reported on 26 September that they have completed the construction of 197 temporary shelters in Puthukkudiyiruppu [Mullaitivu district] to settle the IDPs displaced during the 2006 period.
- Solidar through implementing partner Working Women Development Foundation (WWDF) recently completed the construction of 55 temporary shelters in the uncleared areas of the Paaliyaru village in Manthai West. Solidar has completed the construction of 24 temporary shelters in Puthukkudiyiruppu area with the help of WWDF and the Social Development Center (SDC).

Food

- 25 September, at the request of Mannar GA to send food to IDPs settled in Manthai West division [Mannar uncleared area], the GA-Kilinochchi sent two week's WFP dry rations through the Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies (MPCS). Due to the closure of the Uyilankulam Forward Defence Line (FDL) there have been no food transportations into this division since 3 September.

Water and Sanitation

- ICRC cleaned 17 wells which were been used by the recently displaced people in Manthai west division.
- Solidar as implementing partner for UNICEF assessed 22 schools in Mullaitivu district and identified a need to construct 68 latrines.
- ZOA continues to bowser water to six IDP locations in Mulankavil [Poonakary] and five IDP locations in Manthai West [Mannar uncleared]. World Vision bowsers water to three IDP locations in this division.

NFRI

- Solidar collected the contributions of UNHCR and UNICEF for NFRI packs and distributed them to 1,106 IDP families settled in the Paaliyaru, Vellankulam, Illuppaikkadawai, Theththavadi and Kalliyadi villages of Manthai West AGA division. Norwegian People Aid (NPA) helped with the transportation of the NFRI packs.

Protection

- 22 September, Annai Illam as implementing partner for Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) organized a counseling session for youth and children newly displaced from the Mannar uncleared areas and settled in Anupuram in the Mulankavil village-Poonakary.
- NPA conducted a mine Task Impact Assessment at two IDP locations in Kilinochchi district last week. NPA is assessing the mine risk in areas where FORUT is implementing temporary shelters for IDPs in Mullaitivu district.
- UNHCR gave a presentation to the Gender Forum on aspects of Age, Gender and Diversity Mainstreams (AGDM).

Health

- Solidar conducted a hygiene promotion session for 380 IDPs accommodated in the Paaliyaru Common hall and Vellankulam GTMS School in Manthai West division.
- WUSC distributed special milk food to 252 families with children in four IDP locations in Manthai West on 25 September.

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS

Internally Displaced Persons

- The GA office reported that there were 5,557 families (20,866 individuals) displaced in Mannar district and 3,071 families (10,302 persons) displaced in Vavuniya district as at 27 September 2007.

Sector Response

Shelter

- 27 September, UNDP handed over 103 permanent houses to resettled families in Periyamurrippu (46), Iraddikkulam (15), Puthukudiripu (10), Erukalampity (15) and Nadukuda (17) in Mannar.
- 26 September, UNHCR handed over 130 semi-permanent houses to relocated families from Ponthoddam welfare center in Kalmadhu, Vavuniya DS division.
- 26 September, UNDP handed over 135 permanent houses and one community hall in Manipuram to beneficiaries in Vavuniya DS division. The construction of a further 427 houses in the district is in progress in the villages of Thalikulam, Ganeshapuram, Manipuram, Barathipuram, Muthaliyarkulam, Sinnasikulam and Maiyarkulam.
- 26 September, UNHCR and RDF handed over 100 semi-permanent houses to relocated families from Ponthoddam welfare center in Kankankulam in the Chedikkulam DS division.
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and the Federation of Social Development Organization (FOSDOO) completed the construction of a five and half kilometer rural access road in Kalmadhu and four and half kilometer access road in Kankankulam in Vavuniya.
- 25 September, World Vision completed the construction of 125 emergency shelters for recently displaced families in Vellankulam in Manthai West, Mannar.

- 20 September, UNDP completed the construction of a two and half kilometer access road to resettlement site in Thalikulam in Vavuniya.
- 20 and 21 September, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Camp Management Training team conducted a two-day workshop on aspects of camp management, including roles and responsibilities, SPHERE standards, data collection and coordination, community participation and distribution for 25 persons.

Water and Sanitation

- 26 September, DRC and FOSDOO completed the construction of four tube wells and six dug wells in the relocation site of Kalmadhu. Three tube wells and four dug wells were also constructed in Kankankulam, Vavuniya.
- 26 September, DRC and FOSDOO completed construction of 130 toilets in Kalmadhu and 100 toilets in Kankankulam, Vavuniya.
- 25 and 26 September, UNHCR and CARE distributed buckets and water cans to 375 IDPs staying with host families in Achankulam (84), Umanakiry/ Kovankulam (193), Mottakaddai (85) and Pallamkottai (13) in Nanaddan DS division, Mannar.
- 20 September, CARE regularized the water supply to IDP host communities in Nanaddan.

NFRI

- 21 and 22 September, OXFAM GB distributed cloth material to 290 displaced children and 314 adults living in Kokupadayan, Arippu, Madhukarai, S.P.Potkeny, Silavathurai, Kalimodda, Severiyarpuram, and Maruthamadu in Nanaddan DS division, Mannar.
- 26 September, UNHCR distributed NFRI packages to 230 relocated families from Poonthoddam welfare center in Kalmadhu (130) and Kankankulam (100) in Vavuniya.
- 25 and 26 September, International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) and CARE distributed 100 infant packs to IDPs staying in the Umanakiry (19) and Moddaikadai (81) villages of Nanaddan DS division.

Food

- 24 September, World Vision provided cooked meals to persons displaced to Uyirtharasankulam from villages in the periphery of Mannar DS division. These persons returned to their original villages the same day.
- 26 September, World Vision distributed 2,500 Rupees worth of dry rations and supplementary food to 157 IDPs staying in Kunchukulam in Madhu DS division, Mannar.

Education

- 21 September, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) distributed school uniforms to 156 children who were displaced from Arippu and now staying in Nanaddan, Mannar.

Protection

- 27 September, UNDP handed over a community building and children's park in Iraddikulam and Puthukudiruppu in Mannar to beneficiaries.
- 26 September, ZOA and SLRCS established Child Friendly Spaces in the IDP sites of Rice mill, Nanaddan Church, Murunkan M.V, Murunkan Church and Achankulam in Nanaddan DS division.

Food Security

- 20 September, FAO and implementing partner DRC distributed 506 home garden vegetable kits to relocated IDPs in the villages of Katkulam, Kankankulam, Kalmadhu, Sankarapuram, Thaddankulam and Thudduvahai in Vavuniya for the Maha planting season.
- 24 September, FAO with the Department of Agriculture organized a training programme on improved home gardening techniques and distributed vegetable seeds to 45 resettled vulnerable households in the Sasthirikoolankulam village in Vavuniya DS division.

Livelihood

- UNDP is introducing modern farming techniques to farmers in Vavuniya and the beneficiaries are able to obtain modern equipment through special loans.
- UNDP and the Manipuram New Housing Scheme Development Society started a cattle rearing programme in Manipuram for 90 families.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Situation update

- During the reporting period, the government announced that five GN divisions of the High Security Zone (HSZ) established by Gazette Notification on 30 May 2007 would be excluded from the HSZ and opened up for return following de-mining.
- It was reported at a shelter meeting on 26 September that a recent returnee was killed and three injured due to shelling in Ralkully Muttur DS Division on 24 September, where some 120 families were recently returned by the authorities from Kinniya. Also reported was that two semi-permanent shelters built by ZOA for families with fully damaged houses was destroyed in the shelling. Ralkully is also the location of a housing project by the government planned for up to 180 IDP families unable to return due to the High Security Zone in Muttur East/Sampoor.

Internally Displaced Persons

- There have been no organised returns to the district during the reporting period. The Kiliveddy IDP Transit sites currently shelter 1,118 IDP families (3,688 individuals).

Sector Response

Shelter

- Discussions continued at this week's Shelter Coordination Meeting on how to best assist 150 returnee families whose houses are within the SLA camps and the buffer zones along the main road. ZOA is ready to assist those who have identified land (including those with host families) in Eachchilampattai village and to date 40 families have been identified for assistance.
- Oxfam completed the construction of a drainage route at plot E of the Kiliveddy IDP Transit Sites in preparation for the rainy season.
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) confirmed that they will repair or replace a further 35 damaged tsunami shelters or houses in Sooranagar village in Eachchilampattai DS division.
- The NRC Trincomalee Camp Management Training team has done camp management monitoring and assessment this week at the Killiveddy and Paddithidal IDP transit sites, in follow up to the previous trainings provided for the camp managers of these sites.

Food

- 48 MT of WFP food was dispatched this week as a one month ration to feed 3,433 IDPs/Returnees in Muttur and Eachchilampattai. In addition, 5 MT of WFP rations sufficient for two weeks was dispatched to Kuchchaveli, Town & Gravets, and Kinniya for distribution to 790 registered IDPs who are living with host families.
- 2.9 MT of food commodities was dispatched to 84 health volunteers under WFP's Mother and Child Nutrition Programme in Kinniya and Kuchchaveli.
- 3.23 MT of mixed food commodities was sent to 21 schools in Gomarankadawela and Town & Gravets where 4,707 students receive wet feeding through WFP's School Feeding Programme.
- 4.15 MT of WFP food was dispatched to Muttur and Thampalakamam to feed 4,265 beneficiaries under WFP's/GOSL Food-for-Work programmes.

Water and Sanitation

- World Vision has donated 14 water tanks to DS Eachchilampattai.
- CARE installed two UNICEF water bladders at the Peruveli and Malachenai IDP Transit sites.

- UNICEF distributed 107 hygiene kits for to spontaneous arrivals of families in Kiliveddy and Peruveli IDP Transit Sites.
- Oxfam handed over a gully sucker to ACLG which was then allocated to the Seruwila Pradeshiya Saba.

Education

- NRC, UNICEF and relevant offices within the education authorities are working together to ensure that children's birth certificates and national identity cards lost during the conflict in Eachchilampattai and other areas of Trincomalee district are replaced. The driving force behind this exercise and key responsible people will be the teachers, whilst NRC will provide the training to ensure the forms are filled correctly and that stamp duty is paid. UNICEF is looking into supporting human resource capacity at the registry to ensure that children will have their documents ready for A' level and O' level exams at the end of the year.
- North East Community Restoration and Development Project (NECORD) has started repair work on 5 out of 10 schools in Eachchilampattai DS Division, but is still signaling a lack of funds for the 4 remaining schools. UNICEF will support the putting up of 2 temporary shelters for the children in Poonagar school, pending clarification on who will repair the school, which sustained major shelling damage.
- ZOA agreed to provide bicycles to children in grades 10 to 11 in Ralkully village as they have to travel to Muttur to attend school. There are similar transportation problems for children in the upper grades in several areas in Eachchilampattai, and SCiSL is looking into donating additional bicycles to the principal of one or two of the 1C (grades 1 -13) schools in the area for children in the upper grades. The government has shared the Bill of Quantity for the upgrading of the Ralkully school (T/Kajamuga) to ensure basic social services for the planned relocation of 199 families, but has at the same time signaled that funds are not available to upgrade the school at this stage.
- Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) has entered into an agreement with the School Development Society at T/Chennaiyoor Vidyalayam in Eachchilampattai and the construction of a temporary learning space is to commence shortly.
- Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) has completed the construction of a temporary classroom in T/Mawadichenai school.

Protection

- NRC has expressed disappointment that despite, repeatedly reminding NGOs that Mine Risk Education (MRE) training is a compulsory requirement of all NGO staff working in Eachchilampattai, very few NGOs have availed themselves with the opportunity. It was unanimously decided at the weekly Shelter Meeting that all Staff working in the area must have MRE training and that Country Offices at Colombo level should make it mandatory for their staff.

Food Security

- According to the request of the Food Security and Agriculture Coordination Group the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has drafted a suitable standard package for returnee families whose livelihood recovery needs fall into the fishing category.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to Government statistics the total registered IDP population in the district was 10,305 families (38,192 persons) as at 18 September 2007.
- As at 18 September 2007, the Office of the Batticaloa Government Agent reported that 108,713 persons (33,204 families) were 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; 27,547 persons (8,021 families) to Vavunathivu; and 14,849 persons (5,138 families) to Trincomalee District.
- No dates have yet been announced for returns to the recently cleared areas of Chenkalady and Kiran.
- Access to the Batticaloa West resettlement areas has improved. 16 INGOs were able to enter the divisions of Vellavelly, Paddipalai and Vavunathivu last week.

Sector Response

Shelter

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), ZOA, UNHCR/UNOPS, International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) have been undertaking the Care and Maintenance /upgrades of longer term IDP camps in the district.
- During the reporting period, NRC constructed 25 rigid emergency shelters in Puliakandalady in Vaharai division.
- NRC has salvaged and transported decommissioned material from the Batticaloa IDP camps to Anuradhapura for re-use.
- At Panichankerny site, IOM completed the construction of 59 temporary shelters and carried out repairs on 45 shelters.
- 27 shelters are under construction by IOM at Panichchayadi in Munmari GN divisions, Paddipalai DS division.
- At Mavady Munmari, IOM completed the construction of 23 shelters and two shelters are under construction. Repair work on 22 shelters at Mankerny in Vaharai division is ongoing.
- Based on IOM's shelter need assessment, material distribution is still ongoing for 68 shelters at Kachakody Swamimalai in Paddipalai division.
- During the reporting period, ZOA completed the construction of 250 shelters for IDPs in Valachchenai division.
- 50 new shelters were put up by ZOA at the Kirimutty farm camp in Kiran division for the families shifted from Parangiyanmadu and Fuel Station camp in the same division under the camp consolidation process.
- ZOA decommissioned 20 shelters from Iyankerny camp in Chenkalaldy division during reporting period.
- Shelter assessment completed by ZOA during the week in Vavunatheevu GN division and is ready to distribute semi-permanent shelters to the returned families.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR/UNOPS distributed 106 emergency shelter kits in Vavunatheevu division and 11 kits in Paddipalai.

Food

- From 20-27 September, GA/WFP dry ration distribution continued to IDP welfare centers, host families and families in resettled areas. 36,845 beneficiaries received 245.9 MT of food and other food support agencies are also continuing to assist their respective welfare centers.

Water and Sanitation

- This week, a watsan coordination meeting was held at UNICEF to mainly discuss the upgrading of facilities in longer term camps. Concerns were raised again about government counterparts; the Municipal Council and Pradeshiya Saba for not providing a regular gully sucking service to IDP camps as the running cost has not been paid. The lack of gully sucking is causing toilets to be rendered unusable and is causing a public health risk. This issue is being addressed nationally at the moment.
- During reporting period, Oxfam GB cleaned three wells at schools in Vavunathivu division.
- IOM in coordination with the Kokaddicholai Pradesha Sabah completed the cleaning of 35 wells in Paddipalai division in West Batticaloa.
- ZOA provided a 4,000 liter capacity water bowser to the Pradesha Saba for water tracking in the Vammiyadiuththu/Thikkodai resettled villages in Vellavelly division.
- UNICEF conducted bowser chlorination training for all bowser drivers and Pradesha Saba technical staff in Paddipalai and Vellavelly resettlement divisions to ensure standards are met for chlorine residual.
- During reporting period, OXFAM GB, Pradeshiya Saba, Arch noVa, UNICEF and World Vision bowsered approx. 860,000 liters of water per day at sites in Valachchenai, Chenkalady, Kiran, Manmunai West, Manmunai North and Vaharai.

NFRI

- 24 September, Oxfam GB distributed 55 buckets at the Vinayahapuram IDP camp in Valachchenai division and distributed 5 buckets and 75 sanitary items to women in Iyankerny camp in Chenkalaldy division.

- During reporting period, ZOA distributed plastic mats, buckets and bed sheets to 55 displaced families in Vinayahapuram camp in Valachchenai division.

Protection

- 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.
- Palameenmadu II camp in Manmunai North division got 12 solar panels for community buildings from the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) as a temporary solution for an electricity supply.
- During reporting period, UNICEF facilitated meetings between NGOs, INGOs implementing programs in Vaunatheevu and the Government to increase coordination between the different actors implementing programs in return areas.
- The NRC Camp Management Training team conducted on-site trainings at Manpower camp in Manmunai North division and Palachcholaï camp in Chenkalady division.
- UNICEF Mine Risk Education (MRE) awareness sessions were conducted in three villages in Vavunatheevu division; Paruththichenai, Irুদ্ধicholaimadu, and Ayithiyamalai, and in one village in Vaharai division; Uriyankaddu. Distribution of MRE leaf lets and placement of MRE posters in all resettled villages are ongoing.
- A two-day MRE exhibition and TV programme was organized by UNICEF for the peace day celebration from 21-22 September at Teacher's Training College for 3,666 children.

Psycho-social

- 20 September, IOM organized a workshop in Nochchimunai in Manmunai North division, on government policy and legal entitlements for 48 persons and was facilitated by the Disaster Relief Management Unit and the Human Rights Commission (HRC).

Education

- NRC constructed two temporary learning spaces (TLS) in Kathiravelly in Vaharai division.
- 21 and 22 September, more than 1,000 displaced children, children from resettled areas and regular schools participated in a two-day activity to celebrate International Peace Day. Activities included a peace walk to the Kachcheri, children's parliament, art, drama and group discussions.

Health

- UNICEF and Oxfam GB provided 250 "Hygiene Toolkits" to the Deputy Provincial Director of Health Services (DPDHS), containing information and communication materials for hygiene promotion to be used by Public Health Inspectors (PHIs) and volunteers. The kit contents include: interactive games for children, posters, a volunteers' manual in Tamil and posters. It is expected that the kit will help to streamline and standardize hygiene activities in camps in resettled areas.
- 24 and 25 September, IOM organized a workshop in Paalchchenai School in Vaharai division for over 200 beneficiaries on hygiene promotion.
- The INGO Merlin conducted a teacher training programme for 24 teachers on hygiene promotion at schools in Vaharai.
- 22 September, Merlin handed over the Thiraimadu Central dispensary (MN division) and Medical officers' quarters to authorities. The Regional Director of Health Services in Batticaloa is making arrangements to transfer a Medical Officer and the related health staff to this facility and the clinics and medical care will commence immediately.
- Merlin distributed a set of Mother and Child Health (MCH) equipment to Kayankerni, Mankerny, Panichchenkerny, Vaharai MOH, Ampanthanavelly and Kathiravelly Ante Natal Clinic centres in Vaharai MOH area during this reporting period.
- 24 September, Merlin conducted training on MCH issues for 40 persons.
- Merlin started an Emergency Obstetric Practical Training programme on 22 September at the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital for medical officers of peripheral units to improve the care of pregnant mothers and obstetric care.

- Merlin continued activities with medical mobile teams from 17-24 September and attended to 483 cases at 8 IDPs camps in Arayampathy, Vaharai, Manmunai North divisions and resettled communities in West Batticaloa.
- 25 September, Merlin equipped the Central Sterilization System Department (CSSD) of the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital with essential machines and medical supplies. This equipped CSSD has been opened and handed over to the managers and local staff have been trained by Merlin.
- UNICEF received 11 photo copier machines and 11 pen drives (USB drive) and is ready to distribute to all MOHs in the district.
- UNICEF supported Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme (NRP) for children under 5 years commenced at Paddipalai, Vellavelly and Vavunathivu divisions this week.

Livelihood

- During this week, Oxfam GB received 36 business plans from IDPs, who participated at a skill-training programme while they were in the IDP camps.

AMPARA DISTRICTS

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to UNHCR, IDP figures for the district remain the same at 1,566 families (5,775 individuals) as at 27 September.

Sector Response

Shelter

- IOM completed the upgrading of 20 shelters at the UNHCR relocation site in Periyaneelavanai, Kalmunai Tamil DS. IOM completed the construction of ten NRC relocation shelters for Kudinilam IDP camp beneficiaries in Thirukkivil DS division. IOM completed the internal wiring of five relocation shelters for Thekkancholai IDPs in Kalmunai Tamil DS Division. IOM finished the internal wiring of 40 NRC relocation shelters for people of church beneficiaries in Kudinilam, Thirukkivil DS Division and finished the internal wiring of 19 National Housing Development Authority relocation shelters in Nava lady, Karaitivu DS Division.

Water and Sanitation

- IOM upgraded two wells at a relocation site in Thirukkivil and completed the construction of four toilets at the MFCDC camp in Sainthamaruthu.
- Two drilling rigs were provided by UNICEF to the Water Board in the district. Previously, three weeks on the job training was given to the local government drillers.
- CARE provided construction material for the construction of 88 toilets and 237 wells in Thirukkivil DS division and work is ongoing on 74 toilets and 46 wells in Akkaraipattu DS division and 119 toilets and 131 wells in Thirukkivil DS division.
- The construction of 233 toilets supported by CARE is in progress in Navithanveli DS division.

NFRI

- SCiSL distributed 557 umbrellas to children in pre-schools, schools, children clubs in Himudurawa (Uhana DS division) and Vinayapuram-Thirukkivil on 20 and 21 September 2007.
- SCiSL distributed play materials for three youth clubs and children clubs in Vinayapuram-Thirukkivil, Alankulam-Addalachchenai and Central Camp.
- SCiSL distributed NFRI to 6 conflict-affected families in Central Camp village in Navithanveli.

Protection

- IOM conducted a capacity building training for local authority personnel and care and maintenance community leaders and community site monitors in Pottuvil DS division on 25 and 26 September.

- SCiSL conducted a workshop on Child Rights Convention (CRC) for 38 parents in Central Camp on 22 September.

Health

- IOM distributed 58 toilet cleaning tools at eight tsunami transitional shelters for 211 families in Karaithevu, Nintavur, Navithanveli divisions.

Education

- SCiSL provided training for 30 students in Sakthi Viddiyalaya in Vinayagapuram on Child Friendly Environment and Child Participation on 26 September 2007. SCiSL also provided a telephone line to the school.
- SCiSL provided a revolving fund to the Samagi pre-school in Ampara division in order to generate income for the development of the school and children.
- Play materials were distributed by SCiSL to the Royal Pre-School in Nintavur and 36 students were benefited.

Livelihood

- SCiSL identified 32 beneficiaries in Central Camp village (Navithanveli) for livelihood support and they were taken to Model Farms in Nintavur (Poultry Farm) and Pollonaruwa (Cattle Rearing) in order to gain better practical knowledge on the business.
- UNDP is constructing 10 agro wells in Majeed puram, Weeracholai and Kanawathi puram of Sammanthurai DS division.
- UNDP distributed handloom inputs last week to reconstruct and revive the tsunami-affected handloom industry in Maruthamuani, Kalmunai.
- UNDP selected nine implementing partners to implement high land crop and poultry farming in Uhana, Navithanveli, Pottuvil, Lahugala, Addelaichenai, Kalmunai and Sammanthurai DS Division.
- An EU funded District Agriculture Training Center constructed by UNDP was opened in Addailachenai.
- CARE conducted seven livelihood capacity building trainings for 240 beneficiaries in poultry farming, goat rearing, paddy cultivation training, small business training.
- CARE provided cash grants (the first installment of 15,000 rupees) to 29 poultry farmers in Chawalakkadai-Navithanveli.
- UNDP last week handed over an irrigation bank constructed at Kannegipuram village in Akkaraipattu to the Irrigation Department. The scheme is aimed at supporting farming, a main source of livelihood for villagers.