

SITUATION REPORT # 97

KILINOCCHI, MULLAITIVU, MANNAR, VAVUNIYA, TRINCOMALEE, BATTICALOA, and AMPARA DISTRICTS

18-25 October 2007

24 October, the United Nations commemorated the 62nd United Nations Day at the UN Compound in Colombo 7. The commemoration began with a United Nations flag hoisting ceremony, accompanied by the hymn to the UN and was followed by a speech of the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC) Neil Buhne. The guests were the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Maduwegedera, heads of United Nations agencies, partners, students, the media and UN colleagues. The full text of the RC/HC's speech is attached.

KILINOCCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

Situation Update

- For the third time in 2 weeks, new procedures for crossing the Omanthai Forward Defence Line (FDL) have been given to the humanitarian community. The request requires organizations to submit the name of the authorizing officer apart from a full staff list of the organization.
- Shelling continues in areas south of Kilinochchi district, Vadamarachchi East and coastal parts of Poonakary and therefore these areas remain inaccessible to humanitarian agencies.

Internally Displaced Persons

- District Secretariat of Kilinochchi reported as at 22 October that the IDP figure for Kilinochchi district is 13,219 IDP families (50,994 individuals) while Mullaitivu District Secretariat reported 9,068 IDP families (32,370 individuals) as of the same date.

Sector Response

Shelter

- Sewa Lanka Foundation as an implementing partner for IOM in temporary shelter [TS] construction in Manthai west-Mannar areas reported on 24 October that they started the construction works for 150 TS in Illupakadawai village in Manthai west division last week. All these TS are focused on the IDPs fled from areas closer to the confrontation areas of Manthai west-Mannar district and settled in this village.
- As of 24 Oct, ZOA is currently constructing 25 TS in Mulankavil area-Poonakary division for IDPs displaced from Manthai west areas. Similarly, ZOA is continuing the construction works for 100 TS to the IDPs displaced in August 2006 and settled in Oottuppulam village-Kilinochchi district. In addition, ZOA is also constructing 52 TS for IDPs settled with Rankan settlement in Kandawalai division, Kilinochchi.
- During the week, Solidar completed 15 TS in Paaliyaru IDPS location-Manthai west where they are building 250 TS and 5 in Puthukkudiyiruppu-Mullaitivu where they have completed 50TS for IDPs displaced in 2006.

Food

- 24 October, WFP transported 40 MT of sugar and 20 MT of dhal into Kilinochchi and 20 MT of dhal into Mullaitivu for its ongoing IDP dry ration distribution.

Water and Sanitation

- 19 October, Oxfam completed the construction of a water purification plant and handed it over to IDPs at the Arasapuram IDP location in Poonakary where over 800 IDP families will benefit.
- FORUT renovated two common wells in Anaivilunthan and constructed one common latrine in Kanagapuram village in Kilinochchi. Nearly 80 IDP families will benefit from these projects.
- As implementing partner for UNICEF; Solidar completed the construction of 14 latrines at eight schools in Mullaitivu district.

NFRI

- 19 October, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) delivered NFRI to 19 IDP families displaced in early 2006 from Trincomalee district and now settled in the Uppumaveli village in Mullaitivu.
- ZOA Refugee Care distributed NFRI sets to 47 IDP families displaced from Manthai West and settled in Mulankavil.

Education

- Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) constructed four Early Childhood Care Development Centers (ECCDC) in Mullaitivu using locally available materials. 145 children will benefit.
- SCiSL distributed supplementary food items to ten ECCDCs in the district benefiting 300 children.
- SCiSL placed sign boards on the importance of education at eight locations in the district.
- Under SCiSL's basic education programme, 429 children of ten government schools were provided play parks. SCiSL also provided school furniture to 253 children of six schools in both districts.
- ZOA Refugee Care last week provided 32 bicycles to students of the Thunukkai education zone in Mullaitivu and 19 bicycles to students in the Kilinochchi Zonal Education Area.

Health

- ZOA conducted a health survey among 99 pre-school children living in the Maruthanagar and Tharani settlement in Kilinochchi district. ZOA also organized a health awareness programme for the parents of the pre-school children on the same day.
- SCiSL organized an awareness programme on health habits and nutrition for 100 beneficiaries in two locations from Kilinochchi.

Livelihood

- FORUT distributed paddy seeds, fertilizer and pesticide to nine families selected from the districts. FOURT also assisted 18 families with poultry keeping and two families with goat rearing.
- 21 October, FORUT undertook the renovation of a 4 km internal road in Thaddayarmalai (Oddusuddan AGA Division-Mullaitivu) and in Ponnakar village (Karachchi AGA division-Kilinochchi) under a cash for work programme. 350 individuals have been directly involved in these projects while 3,000 families have been identified as indirect beneficiaries. FORUT is also renovating one channel in Mudakkanaaru for the benefit of 300 vulnerable families.
- CARE assisted 34 vulnerable families in Pannankandy with cattle rearing and organized a training setting up a business for 36 beneficiaries. CARE with the Department of Agriculture provided home garden training to 72 beneficiaries.

Food Security [Jaffna District]

- FAO with the Dept. of Agriculture (Ext.) distributed three bushels of seed paddy per beneficiary with recommended fertilizers and provided training on improved agricultural techniques to promote paddy cultivation to 240 vulnerable beneficiaries on 21 and 22 October.
- 18, 19 and 22 October, FAO with the Dept. of Agriculture (Ext) through implementing partners World Vision and Sewa Lanka Foundation distributed vegetable home garden kits with recommended fertilizer and provided training on improved agricultural techniques to 184 IDPs and vulnerable households in Velanai, Uduvil, Chankanai, Karaveddy.

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS

Internally Displaced Persons

- The GA office reported that there were 5,876 families (22,086 individuals) displaced in Mannar district and 3,071 families (10,302 persons) displaced in Vavuniya district as at 24 October 2007.

Sector Response

Shelter

- 18-24 October, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) waste management and home gardens project in Division B at the Sithamparapuram Welfare Centre set up a recycling centre, organised a community clean up campaign to collect metal, glass, broken glass and plastics, and distributed seeds and seedlings to 69 families.

Water and Sanitation

- 24 October, ZOA completed the construction of ten permanent toilets for long term IDPs and vulnerable families in Keeri.

NFRI

- 22 October, Sarvodaya distributed towels, bed sheets and mats to 24 long term IDP families staying in Thampanaikulam in Madhu.
- 17-23 October, OXFAM distributed cloth material to 494 recent IDPs staying in Moddaikadai, Naruvillikulam, Umanakiry, Kankanitheevu, Pallamkottai and the welfare centers of Rice Mill and Murunkan.
- 18-24 October, ZOA provided 26 temporary shelters to IDPs staying in Koorai and Athimoddai in Manthai West.
- 23 October, ZOA distributed temporary shelter material to 19 IDPs staying in Alavakkai and Thalvupadhu in Musali.
- 18-24 October, SCiSL distributed NFRI to nine IDP families staying in the Elluththur, Vankalai and Ponthoddam welfare center and cloth material to 11 children in Elluththur and Vankalai.

Health and Nutrition

- 24 October, ZOA conducted health & hygiene promotion training including personnel hygiene, environmental health, and toilets maintenance to 33 people from Periyakaraisal and Puthukudiruppu in Mannar.
- 22 October, ZOA organized a nutrition development programme on how to prepare nutritious food with locally available vegetables to 32 Indian returnees and long term IDPs in Pesalai-4.

Food

- 12-19 October, WFP transported 2.94 MT of rice, 1.44 MT of wheat flour, 0.596 MT of dhal and 0.172 MT of vegetable oil into Mannar district and 15.604 MT of rice, 2.96 MT of wheat flour, 2.623 MT of dhal, 0.993 MT of sugar and 0.637 MT of vegetable oil into Vavuniya district for its IDP dry ration distribution.
- 22 October, Sarvodaya distributed dry rations and supplementary food to 175 families staying in Thampanaikulam.

Education

- 24 October, ZOA upgraded one study hall in the Anthoniyarpuram School in Mannar and 75 children will benefit.
- 20 & 21 October, ZOA with the Department of Zonal Education conducted seminars for 21 Tamil Language and 22 Mathematics teachers in Mannar under the Basic Education Improvement Project for slow learners.

Agriculture and Food Security

- 19 October, FAO with Sewa Lanka Foundation distributed protein rich food grains (Ground nut, Cowpea and Fertilizers) to 93 resettled/relocated vulnerable households at Menik farm, Ganthinagar and Muhathankulam villages in Chedikkulam.
- 19 October, FAO with the Department of Agriculture organized training on improved seed paddy production techniques and also distributed seed paddy and fertilizers to five resettled vulnerable paddy farmers in the Irataperiyakulam, Kudakachchakodiya, Mamaduwa and Milonkulama villages in Vavuniya South.
- 18-24 October, ZOA under the food security intervention program conducted needs assessments to provide agriculture inputs to Musali IDPs staying in Razool Puthuvely and Valkaipattankandal in Nanattan.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Situation Update

- 24 October, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Initial Rapid Assessment (IRA) first three-day field testing exercise started at the Ministry of Health Auditorium in the district.

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), as at 11 October, the number of IDPs residing in the Kiliveddy Transit Sites was 1,143 families (3,779 persons), in the Paddithidal Transit Site was 347 families (1,107 persons) in the Manalchchenai Transit Site was 14 families (38 persons).

Sector Response

Food

- 26 MT of Corn Soya Blended food was dispatched this week to three MOH divisions under WFP's Mother and Child Nutrition programme, to help 8,700 pregnant / nursing mothers and children under five years of age. As part of this programme, 2 MT mixed food commodities were also dispatched to MOH Seruvila for distribution to 13 Health Volunteers.
- 40 MT mixed commodities were sent to 32 schools in the district to support 16,363 students through the WFP assisted School Feeding programme.
- The Government Agent's office authorized the release of 146 MT of WFP food for distribution to 286 IDPs living with host families in Kuchchaveli for two weeks, and, 10,287 returnees in Eachchilampattai, which equates to a one month ration. The food will be dispatched to final distribution locations in the coming days.
- During the bi-weekly food coordination meeting ICRC reported that they are ready to provide supplementary food to 5,700 families for four months. These beneficiaries will be the beneficiaries under WFP's IDP feeding programme and some will be under ICRC criteria.
- 21 October, The Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA) distributed the third week's supplementary food to 2,890 returned families in Eachchilampattai.

Shelter

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has completed 78 of the 210 core shelters currently under construction in Karukamunai GN division, Eachchilampattai. Initial assessments suggest that over 50% of beneficiaries have already included some of their own equity into the construction of their shelters resulting in 200 sq ft permanent houses.
- NRC is funding a Temporary Learning Space in plot E of the Kiliveddy transit site, partially using materials decommissioned from Plot G where work continues on consolidating and preparing the site for clearance once all hanger shelters are vacated.
- As flood prevention and to minimize, the upgrading of the drainage system in Kiliveddy and Paddithidal Transit Sites are being carried out by IOM/Oxfam.

Health

- 22 October, the Medical Research Institute with the support of UNICEF started a baseline survey on Anemia in Trincomalee district.
- Two ambulances provided by UNICEF in March 2007 arrived in Trincomalee after the administrative procedures done with. One ambulance will compensate the ambulance damaged during the August 2006 conflict in Muttur and the other one is for the Kiliveddy hospital.

Water and Sanitation

- Oxfam completed the construction of 30 new toilets, rebuilt 95 toilets and renovated 25 wells in Eachchilampattai.

Food Security and Agriculture

- FAO, through implementing partner GUS and with the Department of Agriculture distributed 280 home garden kits, seeds and fertilizer along with tools to selected vulnerable farmers in Muttur division on 22 October.
- Oxfam issued cash grants to 646 families returned to Eachchilampattai to start their livelihood activities. This was utilized by the families to purchase necessary items to start livelihood activities such as paddy cultivation, home gardening, small businesses and poultry breeding.
- CARE distributed cash grants to 207 returned families in Poomarathadichchenai GN division and 149 returned families in Punniyadi, Anaitheevu this week to start their livelihood activities. Service providers were linked with the families so as to procure essential items to start livelihood activities.
- IOM provided livelihood assistance to 210 families in the Kallady village and 120 families in Illankaithurai GN division in Eachchilampattai.
- 24 October, LEADS (national NGO) provided assistance to 202 families in Illankaithurai Mugathuvaram GN division for paddy cultivation.

Protection

- The NRC Care and Maintenance Training team conducted Mine Awareness Training for Nonviolent Peace Force and ZOA.
- The NRC team also visited the IDP sites of Jeganathan Thoddam, Gopalapuram, and Nilaveli for site monitoring and Care and Maintenance assessments.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to Government statistics, as at 22 October 2007, the total registered IDP population in the District was 9,089 families (33,903 individuals).
- As at 19 October 2007, 1,112 families (3,810 individuals) were resettled by the Government in 3 GN divisions of Chenkalady DS division. 31 families unable to return to their homes in the Karadiyankulam due to damaged houses are residing at the Karadiyanaru Maha Vidyalaya School.

Sector Response

Shelter

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has repaired 374 shelters in Panichchenkery and work on 38 shelters is in progress.
- In Pannichayadi Munmari GN division in Paddipalai, IOM constructed 12 shelters and 13 shelters are under construction; most of which have reached roof level.
- In Kachakody Swamimalai, IOM completed the construction of 50 shelters and the remaining 18 shelters are under construction.
- 19 October, ICRC distributed 50 tarpaulin kits and 83 tarpaulins in the villages of Thampanavely (Koduwamadu GN division) and Pulayavely (Pankudaveli GN division). These two villages were selected for shelter assistance as most houses were made of clay and in a bad condition.
- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) distributed 7 shelter kits and 17 roof kits to people with destroyed or damaged houses in Sinnawatta in Vellavelly division. ICRC also distributed 12 shelter kits at the Aalankulam IDP camp in Vaharai to replace tents that were in a really bad condition.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) provided 10 transitional shelters to war-affected families and assessed damaged temporary shelters in Paalchenai that need to be upgraded.
- NRC's house to house assessment for providing temporary shelters in Kathiraveli in Vaharai is in progress.
- The roofs of 56 shelters in the Vinayahapuram IDP camp in Valachchenai were repaired by ZOA.

Food

- The first one-month ICRC complementary food cycle distribution is complete in the Vavunathivu and Vellavelly divisions.
- arche noVa continues to distribute complementary food to IDPs in the Palameenmadu II and Kokkuvil IDP camps in Manmunai North (MN) division.

Water and Sanitation

- UNICEF water and sanitation assistance to IDPs is on-going at 31 camp locations. Batticaloa District WASH IDP coordination meetings continue on a bi-weekly basis with the last meeting held on 23 October. The installation of on-site drinking water supply systems, phasing out water bowsering at IDP camps, maintenance and upgrade of watsan facilities, and planning for monsoon flood preparedness was discussed at the meeting.
- 17, 22 & 23 October, arche noVa flushed (washed out) nine tube wells in Thiraimadu, 16 tube wells in Urani.
- 18-23 October, 21 aprons (to assist in drainage) were constructed by arche noVa in Thiraimadu.
- Oxfam GB decommissioned eight emergency latrines and constructed four screenings at bathing areas in Iyankerny camp and Savukkady camp.
- Oxfam GB decommissioned two temporary toilets in Vavunathivu which were installed for mobile service purposes.
- 17 & 18 October, Oxfam GB volunteers with the support of partners (ESCO, Sarvodaya) conducted three community meetings in the Kovilkulam, Savukkady and Vinayahapuram camps based on reorganizing the IDP camp in terms of proper maintenance of watsan facilities.

- 20 October, camp-cleaning (Kovilkulam, Savukkady, Iyankerny and Vinayagapuram camps) campaigns were organized by Oxfam GB volunteers to keep the camp environment free from solid waste and vector breeding sites.
- 18 October, Oxfam GB distributed 60 bottles of latrine cleaning liquid to the Savukkady and Iyankerny IDP camp.
- Oxfam GB constructed 16 permanent toilets in the resettled village of Uriyankattu in Vaharai division.
- World Vision gave one water pump to the Pradesha Sabha in Chenkalady to clean permanent wells in the area.
- UNICEF conducted a water & sanitation assessment of the resettlement areas in Chenkalady division. The Pradesha Sabha of Chenkalady is supplying drinking water through two browsers and an additional two Water Board browsers to drought affected areas and areas where well cleaning is not complete. Pradesha Sabha well cleaning activities is ongoing. Due to prolonged periods of non use many wells require repeated cleaning for its water to return to suitable standards.
- UNICEF is funding the Pradeshiya Saba of Chenkalady to clean the water and sanitation facilities and grounds at eight school locations.
- The construction of a septage treatment plant for the hygienic disposal of gully sucker waste is ongoing in Puddikurrudipu in Arayampathy by an IRD contractor. The plant is funded by a UNICEF-CERF (Central Emergency Response Fund) grant. The septage treatment plant will be operated and maintained by the Pradesha Sabha in Arayampathy. World Vision has provided funds to the Rotating Biological Contactor Unit to digest the sludge.
- Oxfam GB, arche noVa/UNICEF, IOM, ICRC and ZOA bowsered 742,500 liters of water per day the last week at sites in Valachchenai, Chenkalady, Kiran, Vavunathivu, Manmunai North, Manmunai West and Vaharai.

NFRI

- 19 October, World Vision distributed 904 mats, 452 jerry cans, 300 tarpaulins and 31 tents to returnees in the Karadiyanaru village.
- 27 emergency relief packs and 31 baby/pregnancy mothers' kits were distributed by ZOA to IDPs admitted to the Valachchenai government hospital. Based on requests, four IDPs in the hospital received nutritional food and clothing from ZOA.
- 11 emergency relief packs and 10 baby/pregnancy mothers' kits were distributed to IDPs admitted to the Batticaloa Teaching hospital and based on their request, 5 IDPs in this hospital received nutritional food and clothing from ZOA.
- ZOA distributed 7 baby/pregnancy mothers' kits to pregnant mothers in the Kurukkalmadam and Vinayahapuram camp.
- World Vision distributed 30 tarpaulins to the Pradesha Sabha in Chenkalady to support shelter needs of returnees.

Protection

- UNICEF conducted Mine Risk Education (MRE) activities in the Vavunathivu and Vaharai divisions; activities included awareness sessions, distribution of handbills and MRE drama activities for 380 children and 873 adults.
- UNICEF chaired and hosted the Child Protection Emergency/ Reintegration Coordination meeting which were attended by protection agencies and the Government; main issues discussed included educational concerns which were communicated to the education department officials present at the meeting and prevailing protection concerns in return areas.

Psycho-social

- IOM in coordination with the NGO Kaviya have formulated MoUs under fire drill and personal safety, gender awareness, government policies and legal entitlements, training of trainers, hygiene promotion and community discussion.
- 19 October, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) provided 17 cupboards to 17 children's clubs in the Vellavelly division to maintain play items distributed earlier.
- 19 and 20 October, 245 children participated in a children's gathering and cultural program funded by SCiSL and organized by EHED at Kokkuvil-01, St. Sebastian School, Thiraimadu, and Sinna Urani IDP camps in MN division.
- 20 October, SCiSL funded a leadership training conducted by their partner, Independent Social Service Association ISSA for 17 senior children's club members in Brinthuraichenai in Oddamadady division.
- 22 October, SCiSL organized a workshop on child rights and child protection polices in the Thiraimadu, Zahira and Navatkerney IDP camps in MN division for 65 parents and 91 children.
- 18 October, SCiSL organized an awareness session on the importance of education in Puthur in MN division for 28 children.
- In Paddipalai division, World Vision provided four sets of children's park items (inclusive of slider, see saw and swing) to four preschools in Muthalaikudah, Mahiladithivu, Paddipalai and Arasadithivu.
- UNICEF distributed 50 recreational kits to implementing agencies to distribute at IDP camps and return areas.

Education

- Seven schools were scheduled to reopen on 22 October in the Chenkalady resettled area. However, only one school in Pankudaveli reopened and partially functioned on 22 and 23 October.
- 19 October, SCiSL distributed 500 early childhood education kits to children at ten Early Childhood Care and Development Centres in Vellavelly division.
- 19 October, SCiSL distributed 27 water filters to 27 early Childhood Care and Development Centres in Vellavelly division and distributed 58 water filters to 18 schools in Paddipalai.
- 19 and 22 October, SCiSL distributed 1,700 pairs of shoes and 3,400 pairs of socks at six schools in Vellavelly division.
- 18 October, Oxfam GB provided five water filters to the Vantharumolai School in Chenkalady division.
- World Vision distributed education material (exercise books, pencils, sharpeners, eraser, and coloring material) to 152 children in Kattumurivu, Thattumunai, Paalchchenai and Vammivettuwana in Vaharai.

Health and Nutrition

- UNICEF visited the resettled areas of Chenkalady along the A5 road and assessed the current health and nutrition situation. Presently, Karadiyanaru hospital functions during the day with the help of a mobile medical team supported by UNICEF. The team visits Karadiyanaru hospital on a daily basis where all medical equipment and furniture have been looted from the hospital.
- 15-19 and 22-23 October, Merlin operated medical mobile clinic teams at resettled communities and seven IDP camps in Vaharai, West Batticaloa and MN divisions and attended to 1,035 cases.
- 22 October, Merlin trained 15 community based volunteers in the Aythiyamalai resettlement community in on health & hygiene promotion activities.
- Merlin continues health & hygiene activities in eight camps in the district by covering a population of 7,254 IDPs.
- 18 October, arche noVa conducted a hygiene promotion session for 20 pre-school children in Palameenmadu IDP camp. Arche noVa also cleaned the drainage system of Zahira school camp with the participation of 12 people.
- The UNICEF supported Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme (NRP) is in progress in all resettled areas of Vaharai, Vellavelly, Paddipalai and Vavunathivu and currently 203 severely acute malnourished children are being supported via this programme.
- 22 October, ESCO and Oxfam GB conducted a health volunteers and well user group workshop for 30 participants on the proper use and maintenance of watsan facilities at the Uriyankattu and Seththukkudah villages in Vaharai division.
- World Vision carried out six mobile clinics in Maruthankernykulam, Kirimichai, Panichchenkerny, Sallithivu, Kaddumurivukulam and Andankulam and screened 1,465 males and 1,499 females.
- World Vision held nine health awareness sessions for teachers, field officers and school students through street dramas with the participation of 167 males and 300 females.
- World Vision installed three health related display boards at three schools in Vaharai division.

Livelihood

- A team of four IDPs, lead by two beneficiaries of Oxfam GB's coconut shell ornament making skill training participated in the National Craft Council exhibition held in Kandy from 19 to 21 October. They sold their ornament products for more than 20,000 rupees and got many market links from Colombo and Kandy.
- A skill training on coconut based ornament making for 39 female IDPs was completed in Santhively during a period of 20 days. Oxfam GB and ESCO provided the machines and equipment to continue their livelihood activities and each participant was given a subsidy to meet their supplementary food need during the training period.
- 39 host families received cash grants from Oxfam GB to restart their livelihood activities in Santhively, Kiran and Korakallimadu in Kiran division for activities such as fishing, small businesses, home gardening etc.
- Oxfam GB's agriculture input distribution (seed paddy and fertiliser) started on 19 October for 285 farmers, who were resettled recently in Puthumandapathady and Pavakodichenai GN divisions in Vavunathivu DS division.

AMPARA DISTRICT

Situation update

- 62nd UN Day celebrations were held on 24 October at the Ampara Town hall. UN Agencies, Government Officials, students, international NGOs were introduced to the UN program in Ampara district.

Internally Displaced Persons

- UNHCR reports that IDP figures are stable and presently 1,527 families (5,637 individuals) are displaced in the District

Sector Response

Shelter

- IOM completed the construction of 19 relocation shelters for tsunami IDPs in Pottuvil and Akkaraipattu DS Division.
- IOM completed the flooring of 257 shelters and decommissioned 43 toilets in Kalmunai, Nintavur, Akkaraipattu and Thirukkivil.
- IOM completed the internal wiring of ten relocation shelters at the MFCD camp in Sainthamaruthu.

Water and Sanitation

- IOM upgraded six wells at a tsunami relocation site in the district.
- IOM cleaned 31 wells in Pottuvil.
- IOM covered 40 wells in Karaitivu and Kalmunai for tsunami IDPs.
- IOM completed the construction of 23 toilets at Kalmunai, Sainthamaruthu and Pottuvil for tsunami IDPs.
- UNICEF's construction of 12 child friendly WatSan facilities for the benefit of 4,000 students is in progress in the Mahaoya, Ampara and Dehiyankandiyawa education Zones.
- UNICEF handed over three Child Friendly toilets to students of the Pannalgama, Bandaraduwa and Wadinagala Vidyalaya Schools in Damana division.
- UNICEF has completed 88 % of the pipe network of the Sennal Gramam water supply scheme in Sammanthurai
- UNICEF installed three deep tube wells in Namal Oya last week.

Protection

- SCiSL distributed emergency equipment to 210 fishermen in Nintavur, Karaitivu, Kalmunai-Tamil, Damana, Uhana and Ampara division.
- IOM conducted four workshops on Government Policy and Entitlement for 120 tsunami beneficiaries living in IOM maintained camps in Sainthamaruthu, Kalmunai Tamil and Muslim and Alayadivembu Divisions.

Psycho-social

- SCiSL supported six local NGOs celebrate international children's day with the children of three communities of Akkaraipattu, Alayadivembu, Palamunai, Maavadipalli, Kalmunai and Central Camp. Around 3,000 children from three communities participated from 20-23 October.

Education

- SCiSL conducted an awareness programme for 30 parents on how parents can support schools to create child friendly environments at the Maavadipalli Al-Ashraff Vidyalaya School in Sammanthurai.
- SCiSL supported Am/Himudurawa Vidyalaya School in Uhana conduct a workshop for 40 students on leadership, participation in school development & positive behaviour.
- SCiSL conducted an awareness programme for 38 parents and pre-school teachers on the promotion of Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) at the White Rose Day care Centre in Aalankulam in Addelaichenai.
- SCiSL organized an exchange visit for 30 children of the Samagi Preschool in Navithanveli to the Himudurawa School in Uhana.
- The Sewa Lanka foundation completed the construction of three semi-permanent buildings in the Ampara Education Zone with UNICEF funding.
- WFP food rations were distributed to catch-up education students in all six zones with UNICEF facilitation.

Livelihood

- CARE conducted trainings on commercial broiler management for 69 beneficiaries in the Thampattai and Puliyampattai villages in Thirukkivil and Alayadivembu on October 19.
- CARE conducted a training on home gardening and paddy cultivation for 28 beneficiaries at the Vijeyapura village in Uhana on 23 October.

Health

- IOM painted 16 walls at the Riyaul Jinnah Vidyalayam, Sainthamaruthu and Al-Safina schools with hygiene promotion messages.
- IOM conducted a school health walk with the Al – Azhar Vidyalayam in Oluvil in conjunction with RDHS Kalmunai on mosquito control.
- IOM completed the distribution of 256 individual and 15 communal garbage cleaning in 15 Tsunami IDP camps Kalmunai Tamil, Nintavur, Karaitivu, Sainthamaruthu and Akkaraipattu DS divisions.