

SITUATION REPORT # 98

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

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KILINOCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

Situation Update

- Shelling continues in areas south of Kilinochchi district, Vadamarachchi East and coastal parts of Poonakary. These areas remain inaccessible to humanitarian agencies.
- At the request of the Sri Lankan government and the LTTE, the International Committee of the Red (ICRC) agreed to extend its presence at the Omanthai crossing point in Vavuniya district to six days a week (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) starting 27 October. The request to open this crossing point on Saturdays was made to allow for the transport to the Wane region of more than 3,500 tonnes of fertilizer during the growing season.

Internally Displaced Persons

- As at 30 October, the District Secretariats of Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu reported that there were 13,219 IDP families (50,994 individuals) displaced in Kilinochchi district and 9,068 IDP families (32,370 individuals) displaced in Mullaitivu district.

Sector Response

Shelter

- 31 October, Oxfam reported that 600 temporary shelters (TS) out of a committed 750 shelters were re-thatched in Vadamarachchi East division. All these shelters were built by several agencies soon after the displacement in August 2006.
- The Sewa Lanka Foundation, implementing partner for IOM for TS construction in Manthai West, erected frames for 25 TS out of a committed 150 TS for IDPs displaced from Manthai West and now settled in the Illuppaikadavai.

Food

- WFP transported 50 MT of sugar, 30 MT of vegetable oil and 90 MT of dhal for its ongoing dry ration distribution that covers 20,236 IDP families in the districts. Similarly, 23 MT of Corn Soya Blend (CSB) were transported for WFP's Food for Education programme that covers 29,190 children from Kilinochchi and 16,162 children from Mullaitivu. Additionally, 75 MT of CSB for WFP's Mother and Child Nutrition programme were also brought in.
- Oxfam, in the context of a food security programme, assisted 57 displaced farmers from Niththiyaveddai in Vadamarachchi East division with seed paddy, fertilizer and tools. Oxfam also delivered home gardening supplies including eight varieties of seeds and tools to 120 families in the Niththiyaveddai village.

Water and Sanitation

- Oxfam completed the construction of 14 common wells at IDPs locations in the districts.
- Oxfam constructed nine tube wells at IDP sites in Kilinochchi and constructed one tube well at the Sivanagar IDP site in Mullaitivu.
- Oxfam renovated 23 tube wells in the districts, each benefiting approximately 20-30 families.
- Oxfam constructed 23 common latrines in Mullaitivu and 10 common latrines in Kilinochchi for the benefit of nearly 400 IDP families.

- 29 October, UNICEF provided 750 hygiene kits and hygiene promotion material to ZOA to distribute to IDP communities displaced from areas close to the Forward Defence Line (FDL) in Mannar and now settled in Manthai West division.

NFRI

- 26 October, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed NFRI packs to 20 IDP families settled in Kilinochchi town.
- 26 October, 15 vulnerable IDP families displaced from Manthai west to Poonagar in Kilinochchi were assessed and assisted by UNICEF with NFRI family kits

Protection

- 27 October, UNICEF distributed 100 dolls and a cassette recorder/radio to the Inniyavalvu Illam Home in Vallipunam in Mullaitivu, which hosts 98 war-affected disabled children.
- The 3rd Emergency Child Protection coordination meeting was held and facilitated by UNICEF and recommendations on the child protection referral mechanism in an emergency were drafted. This tool will help partners to set up a systematic referral system for the Child Protection component of the emergency response in the Vanni.

Psycho-social

- 27 October, UNICEF distributed 50 dolls and 03 mattresses to implementing partner 'Annai Illam', an NGO working in the psycho-social field in Kilinochchi to improve the situation of women and children affected by gender based violence.
- 27 October, UNICEF through 'Annai Illam' conducted a psycho-social counseling programme at the Shanthipuram Government School in Kilinochchi for 40 school children and 70 parents and well-wishers.

Education

- UNICEF completed the construction of two Temporary Learning Spaces [TLS] in the Thunukkai Zone and work on another two is ongoing.
- On 26 October, UNICEF delivered 50 sets of cricket gear and 50 netball sets to the Zonal Director of Education (ZDE) Kilinochchi to distribute to schools in Kilinochchi.
- 26 October, UNICEF delivered 24 tarpaulin sheets to the Kilinochchi Central College to use as cover for newly constructed TLS.
- UNICEF has received a proposal from ZDE Kilinochchi for the construction of 24 temporary learning spaces at Kilinochchi schools and completed the assessment of the Kandawalai division on 30 October.
- Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) assisted 64 displaced children at two schools in Kilinochchi district by providing learning kits. In addition, SCiSL completed the renovation of three Early Childhood Care and Development Centers (ECCDC) where 125 children have enrolled. SCiSL also assisted 59 ECCDC teachers by providing an incentive allowance of Rs. 2,000 per teacher.

Health

- Oxfam with the support of a local NGO, Theater Action Group and the Deputy Provincial Director of Health Services (DPDHS) conducted street dramas on "Public Health Promotion" at 10 villages in from Vadamarachchi East.
- UNICEF completed the construction of three Primary Health Centers (PHC) in Punnaineeravi, Iranaimathanagar in Kilinochchi district and in Venavil in Mullaitivu district. These PHCs were officially opened by the Government Agents of the respective districts, Regional Directors of Health Services and UNICEF Head of Zone last week.

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS

Internally Displaced Persons

- As at 24 October, 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.

Sector Response

Shelter

- 31 October, ZOA completed the construction of temporary shelters for 45 Musali IDP families staying in Alavakkai and Valkaipattankandal and constructed ten semi-permanent shelters for relocated persons in Madhukarai in Nanaddan DS.
- 30 October, World Vision completed the construction of temporary shelters for 290 IDP families staying in Periyamadu, Vellankulam and Ganeshapuram in Manthai West DS.

Water and Sanitation

- 31 October, World Vision completed the construction of 20 rain water harvesting tanks for 20 vulnerable families in Kappachchi village. 125 beneficiaries participated in a rain water harvesting awareness program conducted in Chedikkulam DS in Vavuniya.
- ZOA continues to supply drinking water to 350 IDP families staying in Athimoddai, Kalliyadi and Illuppaikadavai in Manthai West DS.
- 31 October, ZOA completed the construction of seven permanent toilets for IDPs staying with host families in Keeri in Mannar DS.
- World Vision continues to supply 36,000 liters of water per day to 1,360 IDP families staying Paliyaru, Thevanpidi, and Vellankulam in Manthai West DS.

NFRI

- 24-31 October, OXFAM distributed cloth material to 133 recent IDPs staying in 12 villages in Mannar DS.

Health and Nutrition

- 28 October, Care International organized a health awareness street drama for 36 persons through the children's club of Menic Farm with the help of MOH office health workers in Alahapuri.
- 27 and 28 October, ZOA and LEADS conducted health & hygiene promotion training for 75 displaced children and 69 IDP women staying in Razool Puthuvely.
- 24-31 October, Oxfam distributed hygiene kit to 860 recent Musali IDP families staying in Nanaddan and Mannar DS.
- 30 October, Oxfam upon request of the Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) donated four semi-automatic knapsack sprayers of 16 liter capacity and Baytex (Chemical) 500 ml of 80 ml bottles to control flies at IDP locations. RDHS took responsibility for distribution to the MOH offices of Murunkan, Mannar, Madhu and Manthai West.
- 30 October, UNICEF and the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) commenced the construction of 10 prefabricated toilets in Manthai West DS.

Food

- 28-31 October, WFP transported 13.741 MT of rice, 15.711 MT of wheat flour, 3.594 MT of dhal and 99 kg of sugar to Mannar district and for its IDP dry ration distribution.
- 29 and 30 October, ZOA and LEADS distributed supplementary foods for two weeks to 351 IDP families staying in Koorai and Athimoddai in Manthai West DS.
- 30 October, World Vision completed the distribution of dry rations to 3,430 IDP families staying Madhu and Manthai West DS.

Education

- 17 temporary learning centers funded by UNICEF are being constructed in Manthai West under the supervision of the Zonal Director of Education.

Livelihood

- 31 October, World Vision completed the distribution of 20 cattle and 28 goats to 35 vulnerable families staying in 12 Villages in Chedikkulam DS.

Agriculture and Food Security

- 31 October, World Vision completed the distribution of home gardening packages to 45 vulnerable families staying in 9 villages and distributed 128 coconut seedlings to 64 families in the Kappachchi village in Chedikkulam DS.
- 26 October, the DS, Agriculture Dept and relevant NGOs decided to provide assistance for paddy cultivation to Musali IDPs staying in Nanaddan. 150 IDP families are willing to cultivate a minimum of acre of paddy. ZOA agreed to cater to this entire request and estimated that land preparation and input would cost Rs. 11,500 per acre.
- 29-31 October, FAO with the Dept. of Agriculture (Ext) Mannar distributed vegetable home garden kits with tools, recommended fertilizer and provided training on improved Agriculture techniques to 155 IDPs and vulnerable households in Nanaddan and Mannar DS.
- 29-31 October, FAO with the Dept. of Agriculture (Ext) Mannar distributed Other Field Crops(Cowpea, Green gram, Ground nut) with recommended fertilizer and provided training on improved agriculture techniques to 90 IDPs and vulnerable house hold in Nanattan DS.

Psycho-social

- 24-31 October, ZOA and Familian counselors conducted 77 family visits and 58 individual counseling sessions for IDPs staying in Rice Mill, Murungan church, Razool Puthuvely, Pannavettuvan and Pesalai.
- 27 October, ZOA and Mannar Association for Rehabilitation of Differently Abled People (MARDAP) conducted a two and three-wheel cycle race for 14 disabled persons in Mannar DS.

Capacity Building

- 26 October, Care International conducted a basic Accounting and Financial Management training to 52 members from the Samaja Sanwardhana Samiththiya CBO in Nedunkulam.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Situation update

- 24-26 October, a new IASC driven Initial Rapid Assessment tool was tested in Trincomalee District. An initial workshop took place in Trincomalee with 35 participants: 9 from UN agencies, 14 Government officials and 12 NGO staff. On 25 October, a Field Test in Kiliveddy took place and the following day a debriefing was held with all participants.
- 10 Low Risk Certificates (LRCs) for mines were received during the reporting period in Trincomalee. Seven are for the areas within Eachchilampattai DS divisions of which 5 are for different parts of Poonagar GN division and 2 are for Mavadichchenai, and one for part of Uppooral GN division, (Seruvila DS Division). The remaining two are for the Yan-Oya Bridge and Pudavaikaddu Bridge construction areas in Kuchchaveli DS division. These reports were issued and signed on the 3rd week of September and 2 October 2007 respectively.
- 31 October, UNHCR, UNICEF and FAO conducted a joint assessment in Konesapuri and Hindu Cultural Hall IDP sites to highlight gaps and other issues faced by the IDPs residing in the site. The main focus of the assessment were shelter needs (in particular possible upgrading of shelters), water and sanitation needs, and to reveal what food security initiatives could be undertaken at these sites. The assessment information will be released next week.

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to UNHCR, as at 11 October, the number of IDPs residing in Kiliveddy Transit Sites was 1,143 families (3,779 persons). 347 families (1,107 persons) reside in the Paddithidal Transit Site and 14 families (38 persons) reside in Manalchchenai Transit Site. There has been no change since then.
- Though there have been no major IDP movements or returns during the reporting period the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) continues to prepare for the imminent return of IDPs to Uppooral (Seruvila DS Division) from both the Kiliveddy IDP Transit Sites and IDP sites in Batticaloa District.

Sector Response

Food

- 50 MT of high-nutrient WFP Corn Soya Blended (CSB) food were dispatched to five MOH divisions within Trincomalee to support 16,500 pregnant or nursing mothers and children under five years of age. In addition, 4 MT mixed food commodities were dispatched to the MOH Kuchchaveli and MOH Muttur for distribution to 91 Health Volunteers who support the implementation of the Mother and Child Nutrition (MCN) Programme in the clinics.
- 26 MT of mixed food commodities were sent to 49 schools in Kinniya where 14,014 students receive assistance through WFP's School Feeding Programme.
- 28 MT of mixed food commodities were dispatched to Morawewa, Gomarankadawala, and Seruvila for distribution to 1,020 beneficiaries under WFP/GoSL Food for Work programmes.
- Under WFP's Food for Training, 7.54 MT of WFP mixed food commodities were dispatched to the Muttur Coordination Centre for Community Development (3CD) for distribution to 73 participants involved in skills development training.

Shelter

- People in Need (PIN), as part of a co-funding arrangement with the Sri Lankan government, started on the construction of 70 permanent houses in Muttur through the owner-driven system. All beneficiaries had their houses fully destroyed by the recent fighting. Selection of an additional 80 beneficiaries in Muttur and Eachchilampattai is ongoing.
- Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) have started an assessment of 40 partly-damaged houses in Eachchilampattai GN Division. Additionally JRS have completed an assessment of 41 houses in Paddithidal (Muttur DS Division) and commenced the construction of temporary shelters for those who were referred by the ADS of Muttur.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) facilitated the repair of 102 out of the 212 shelters assessed as partly damaged in Karukamunai (Eachchilampattai DS Division) through the distribution of shelter repair kits.
- CARE completed the construction of 88 semi-permanent shelters of the 198 houses which have been assessed as badly damaged. CARE cannot proceed with the construction of further shelters until a Low Risk De-mining Certificate is issued for the jungle area which was cleared to build the houses. Not all of these beneficiaries have agreed to the relocation and some still insist that they have the right to return to their own land. The 88 shelters which have been built are all on private land unaffected by the buffer/security zones.

Water and Sanitation

- Oxfam continues to purify water in the two treatment plants (Kiliveddy and Verugal) and water is still distributed from ZOA, Verugal Pradeshiya Saba, Oxfam.
- PIN selected 60 beneficiaries for the construction of permanent toilets with IOM funds in Muttur DS Division. Moreover PIN is planning to construct 50 permanent toilets in Poomarathadichenai village, Eachchilampattai DS Division.
- PIN started the construction of 110 permanent toilets in Muttur (9 GN divisions) and Eachchilampattai (Poomarathadichchenai GN division).

Food Security, Agriculture and Livelihoods

- A Food Security and Agriculture working group has identified a gap of around 500-700 beneficiaries who need to be covered by the agreed upon standardized livelihood recovery initiatives. Some agencies having committed to these interventions have since reported that they do not have the budget to deliver the assistance committed to. Appeals have been made at the sector meeting and at the Inter Agency Meeting for agencies to come forward and fill these gaps.

Education

- With the support of UNICEF, ten schools in Kantalai DS division started painting their primary class rooms and furniture with the participation of the students.
- Teachers, students and parents of four schools in Kantalai and one school in Muttur participated in a workshop initiated by UNICEF to develop the school development plan for 2008.
- 20 principals from Muttur schools and 10 principals from a Kinniya school participated in a Child Friendly Space training programme organized by UNICEF with the support of the Education authorities.
- UNICEF together with the Department of Registrar have worked together to issue birth certificates to students who lost them during the conflict in Eachchilampattai. The first such issue was made on 01 November and under this process ten students will get new birth certificates each day. In Eachchilampattai, there are 2,500 students in the education system and it is unclear as to how many have lost/damaged their birth certificates.

Protection

- 28 October, a drama on child issues was facilitated by SCiSL, and watched by the Paddithidal displaced children as part of Children's Day Celebrations. Child protection issues at the Paddithidal camp were raised and disseminated among a large audience through the drama.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

Situation Update

- 30 October, ILO facilitated a workshop on the Guiding Principles on Humanitarian and Development Assistance in Sri Lanka with the participation of Divisional Secretaries, Department Heads from GoSL, UN, I/NGOs, Red Cross and ICRC. The workshop, officiated by Batticaloa GA, discussed in detail the ten Principles in the document highlighting responsibilities of humanitarian /development agencies, inclusion of beneficiaries in project implementation and also the responsibilities of the Government. The workshop also discussed appropriate livelihood interventions during relief, recovery/reconstruction and development phases.

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to Government statistics, as at 23 October 2007, the total registered IDP population in the District was 9,067 families (33,826 individuals).

Sector Response

Shelter

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) repaired 384 shelters and repairs to 28 shelters in Panichchenkerny are in progress.
- 25 shelters were constructed by IOM at Pannichayadi in Munmari GN division.
- 59 shelters were completed at Kachakody Swamimalai in Paddipalai division by IOM and the remaining 9 shelters are under construction.
- A total of 234 shelters at Mahilavedduwan and 65 at Naripulthottam were identified by IOM for construction in Vavunathivu DS division, for which shelter kit distributions are ongoing.

- 16 deteriorating transit hangars (6 family units) in Savukkady camp were decommissioned and replaced by 96 individual rigid emergency shelters by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). Replacement is due to continue until all IDP families remaining in the camp have received new shelter to meet current weather conditions.

Food

- In Vaharai DS, Sewalanka is providing basic and complementary food rations to 399 IDP families in one welfare centre.
- In Valachchenai DS, GA/WFP is providing basic food rations to 55 IDP families in one welfare centre and 1,080 IDP families with host families. There is a gap in complementary foods for IDPs in welfare centres.
- In Chenkalady DS, GA/WFP is providing basic food rations to the 2,316 IDP families in the 13 welfare centres. There is a gap in complementary foods for IDPs in all welfare centres.
- In Kiran DS, GA/WFP is providing basic food rations to 165 IDP families in the 2 welfare centres and 1,502 IDP families with host families. There is a gap in complementary foods for IDPs in all welfare centres.
- In Manmunai North DS, GA/WFP is providing basic food rations to 1,213 IDP families in the 11 welfare centres and Sewalanka is providing basic and complementary food rations to 190 IDP families in one welfare centre while arche noVa is providing complementary food rations to 206 IDP families in 2 welfare centres. There is a gap in complementary foods for IDPs in 9 welfare centres.
- In Arayampathy DS, Sewalanka is providing basic and complementary food rations to 15 IDP families in one welfare centre and GA/WFP is providing basic food rations to 111 IDP families in one welfare centre while Sewalanka provides complimentary foods.
- In Kaluwanchikudy DS, NCM Lanka is providing basic food rations to 61 IDP families in one welfare centre and Help from Germany is providing complimentary foods.

Water and Sanitation

- UNICEF water and sanitation assistance to IDP camps continue at 31 camp locations. Main sector issues include the ongoing care & maintenance of facilities, improvements and upgrades to infrastructure. Technical problems have been identified with the gully sucking of toilet pits to properly clear septic tanks. Coordination is ongoing between WASH agencies and the Municipal Council of Batticaloa to identify and conduct repairs.
- The on site water supply/bowser phase out initiative is on-going at IDP camps district wide. On site water supply systems are functioning at 10 camps constructed by MSF, Arche noVa, ACF, and UNICEF. On site water supply system constructions are ongoing at 7 camps in Manmunai North (MN) division by MSF, arche noVa and UNICEF. Planning by WASH agencies is ongoing for the remaining IDPs camps identified by the GA for longer term occupancy.
- Representatives from Batticaloa Assistant Commissioner of Local Government (ACLG), Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS), Pradeshiya Sabah, and CBOs joined the IRD and UNICEF on a “Go and See Visit” to the Hanwella Septage Treatment Plant, which uses rotating biological contactor (RBC) technology for sludge digestion. The plant is the model for the plant under construction in Arayampathy.
- IOM identified 50 toilets to be built in Panichchenkerny in Vaharai division of which 5 toilets are under construction.
- IOM constructed 30 permanent toilets in Nochchimunai in MN division another 8 are under construction.
- 26 and 29 October, Arche noVa flushed 27 tube wells in Urani in MN division.
- 8 tube wells at the Palameenmadu, Kokkuvil 2, Saththurukondan railway site and Saththurukondan hospital sites were repaired by arche noVa.
- UNDP has advertised an open contract for the construction of 21 permanent open dug wells and 70 permanent toilets at Pulyankandalady in Vaharai.
- UNDP has selected locations in Malayarkattu in Vaharai and Sinnawatta in Vellavelly for the construction of 2 tube wells and an overhead tank and the sites are ready for construction work to begin.
- UNDP constructed 71 toilets in Maylampaveli in Chenkalady and has started the construction of 62 wells in the area.

- 27 and 28 October, Oxfam GB mobilized 4 camp cleaning events led by health volunteers and 703 IDPs in the Kovilkulam, Vinayahapuram, Iyankerny and Savukkady IDP camps to rid camp environments of faecal matter, garbage and vector breeding sites.
- 29 October, Oxfam GB distributed 48 bottles of cleaning liquids to Savukkady IDP camp.
- Oxfam GB cleaned 2 barrel wells and installed two in the Iyankerny IDP camp. At the Savukkady IDP camp Oxfam GB cleaned 2 barrel wells cleaned and installed one barrel.
- World Vision completed the construction of 11 tube wells for IDP families in Maylampaveli in Chenkalady and completed the construction of one permanent well in Thalawai for the use of IDPs and nearby community.
- World Vision's bowsering activity carried out at IDP camps in Chenkalady and Kaluwanchikudy divisions under a UNICEF program was handed over to the respective Pradesha Saba. World Vision temporarily handed over one trailer for the continuation of water bowsering to IDPs in Kaluwanchikudy division.
- The UNICEF funded permanent toilet constructions of the Kathankudy MOH has completed the construction of 30 toilets and work is in progress on another 270 permanent toilets.
- Dug well construction is ongoing in Sinna Kaala Poda Madu in Vavunathivu division by Arche noVa.
- Arche noVa erected 12 pillars for tube well constructions in the Urani IDP camp and built 22 aprons (to assist with drainage) at the Thiraimadu site in MN division.
- OXFAM GB, Arche noVa/ UNICEF, IOM, ICRC bowsered 726,500 liters of water per day last week at sites in Vaharai, Manmunai West, Valachchenai, Chenkalady, Kiran, Arayampathy, Vavunathivu, Manmunai North and Manmunai West.

NFRI

- On 25 October, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) distributed cloth material to 1,699 children in the 3 villages of Anaikaddiyavelly, Sinnawatta and Kakkachchivaddai in Vellavelly division.
- UNICEF has distributed NFRI packages to 544 resettled families in Vavunathivu division out of planned distributions to a total of 4,843 families. The NFRI package consists of one jerry can, 2 sleeping mats, a cooking set, and family hygiene kit.
- UNICEF provided 1,784 rice cooking pots to MSF for distribution to IDP families in IDPs camps in Chenkalady and MN division.
- UNICEF provided 787 rice cooking pots (2kg) to WFP for distribution to schools included in the Department of Education School Feeding Program in the Batticaloa and Polonnaruwa districts.

Protection

- On 26 October, Save the Children conducted a stakeholders training on Child Rights Convention (CRC) Vellavelly division, where 45 participants from Probation office, GN, Samurdhi Officers, MOH, School Principals and PPDRO partner staff participated.
- On 25, 26 and 27 October, Save the Children conducted a "facilitator training on child rights convention" (CRC) for 64 facilitators from 32 villages and PPDRO partner staff in the Vellavelly division.
- On 27 October, Save the Children organized a discussion on "Gender Based Violence" with the support of the partner organization (YMCA) at Thiruperunthurai and Puthur in MN division, where 47 children participated and discussed issues.
- The NRC Camp Management Training (CMT) Project has during this week conducted a 2 day CMT learning workshop (divisional training) for camp management agencies and GNs at sites in MN division. 32 participants from 8 NGOs and GNs benefited from this training.
- World Vision trained eight social mobilizers on alcohol awareness and then conducted similar trainings to 23 persons in Paalchenai in Vaharai through the social mobilizers.
- World Vision conducted an awareness program on Child Rights and Child Abuse for 40 participants of Thattumunai and 56 participants of Vammivettuwana in Vaharai division.
- A UNICEF funded Mine Risk Education (MRE) awareness program is going on in Vavunathivu division.

Psycho-social

- 25 October, SCiSL provided 15 cupboards to 15 children's clubs in Vellavelly division.

- UNICEF provided 6 recreational kits to partners for distribution in IDP camps.

Education

- 29 October, SCiSL distributed 400 early childhood education kits to 12 Early Childhood Care and Development Centres (ECCDC) in Vavunathivu division through its partner organization Sarvodaya.
- 26 and 29 October, SCiSL distributed 1,000 pairs of shoes and 2,000 pairs of socks to 8 schools in Vellavelly division.
- SCiSL continues to provide supplementary feeding to 3,200 displaced early childhood children in the Batticaloa, Paddiruppu and Kalkudah education zones.
- SCiSL is conducting special coaching and catch up classes to 6,500 ordinary level (G.C.E O/L) children in the Batticaloa and Paddiruppu educational zones in coordination with the Department of Education.
- 19 schools hosting IDPs in the Kalkudah and Paddiruppu education zones received UNICEF's recreational kits on the results of a school material survey carried out with child participatory methodology.

Health & Nutrition

- The UNICEF supported Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme (NRP) is in progress in all the resettled divisions of Vaharai, Vellavelly, Paddipalai and Vavunathivu.
- 22 to 26 and 29 to 30 October, Merlin operated medical mobile clinic teams in resettled communities in Vaharai, West of Batticaloa and MN divisions including IDP camps; 940 cases were attended to.
- Arche noVa's hygiene promotion activities are ongoing at six IDPs camps and benefit approximately 1,807 individuals in the MN and Chenkalady divisions. Merlin cleaned six soak pits in the Palameenmadu II and Kokkuvil III camps in MN division and held hygiene promotion and watsan facility cleaning activity sessions with 30 children.
- 27 October, Oxfam GB facilitated hygiene promotion sessions with 35 IDPs in Arayampathy on persisting risky behaviors focused on children's excreta disposal, use and disposal of sanitary towels and jerry can washing campaigns.
- Oxfam GB with the support of partner agencies ESCO and Sarvodaya and volunteers conduct regular camp based hygiene promotion activities. Volunteers were able to conduct household visits, group discussions and child hygiene related play activities on educating the community on use and maintenance of watsan facilities.
- UNICEF provided a water bladder to the rural hospital in Mandapaththadi in Vavunathivu division and aims to solve severe water issues at the hospital.

Livelihood

- 26 October, SCiSL distributed bank drafts (each worth Rs 15,000) to 315 beneficiaries in Vellavelly division as a 1st installment to commence their livelihood activities.
- Under the different types of income generation activities, nearly 295 beneficiaries in Puliyanandalady in Vaharai division have been selected and are ready to receive inputs by Sewa Lanka under UNDP funds.
- Oxfam GB/ Sarvodaya distributed input items for paddy cultivation in Vavunatheevu division to 397 farmers for an area of 810 acres. The input pack included fertilizer and seed paddy. Additionally, Rs. 4500 per farmer for ploughing and pesticide expenses were made.
- Oxfam GB/ Sarvodaya distributed fertilizer and highland crop seeds to 65 beneficiaries in Vavunatheevu division to restart highland cultivation in their villages.
- 27 and 28 October, Oxfam GB/ Sarvodaya organized 4 training sessions for farmers in Pavakodichenai, Uthumadu, Ponnagkanithoddam and Mundalamadu villages in Vavunatheevu division to create awareness and to increase knowledge on the usage of fertilizer and pesticide.

AMPARA DISTRICT

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to UNHCR, IDP figures in the district are stable and presently there are 1,527 families (5,637 individuals) displaced within the district.

Sector Response

Water and Sanitation

- CARE supported 61 conflict-affected IDP beneficiaries in the Vijeyapura east and Vijeyapura west GN divisions in Uhana DS by constructing 61 toilets.
- CARE renovated two common wells in the Puliampattai village in Alayadivembu DS.
- FORUT is running a 45,000 liter per day capacity water purification plant in Thirukkivil DS for the conflict and tsunami-affected populations.
- FORUT is providing drinking water in Thirukkivil DS with one water tanker.
- FORUT has cleaned more than 500 wells in Akkaraipattu and Thirukkivil DS since started January 2007 to date.
- FORUT is providing the Uthaya Nagar relocation site in Mandana (Thirukkivil DS) all off its drinking water.

Protection

- 26 October, SCiSL referred 10 youth from the central camp in Navithanveli DS to the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) for vocational training.
- 26 October, SCiSL distributed umbrellas to 149 school going children of the STR/Sri Murugan School in Central Camp.

Psycho-social

- FORUT currently operates five evening play houses in Thirukkivil, Akkaraipattu and Addelaichenai DS Divisions
- 25-29 October, SCiSL provided swimming and life saving training to 40 school children of eight schools.
- 25 October, SCiSL conducted a one-day Disaster Risk Reduction orientation workshop for 40 persons of the Karaithevu Divisional Disaster Management Committee.

Education

- CARE completed the renovation and upgrading of two school buildings of Ak/ Muslim central college in Akkaraipattu DS.
- 26 October, SCiSL conducted a parent's awareness programme on how parents can support the creation of a child friendly environment at the STR/As-Siraj Maha Vidyalayam in Central Camp for 23 parents.
- 27 October, SCiSL conducted a workshop for 60 students of the Km/Al-Ashraff Vidyalaya in Maavadipalli on leadership, participation in school development and positive behavior.
- 29 October, SCiSL provided a computer each to the three schools of Am/Himudurawa Vidyalaya, Himudurawa & Ak/Rahumaniya Vid in Alankulam.
- 29 October, SCiSL provided a public address system (set of speakers) to the Ak/Rahumaniya Vidyalaya School.
- 31 October, SCiSL supported the Zonal Education Office Akkaraipattu in printing and distributing Mathematics and English model questionnaire books to G.C.E (O/L) students of Akkaraipattu Zone.
- 25 and 29 October, SCiSL conducted two workshops for 50 Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) coordinators and pre-school teachers in Ampara and Addelaichenai on "Activity garden and learning circle".
- 26 October, SCiSL conducted 1 workshop for 25 ECCD Coordinators and Preschool Teachers on "Disable Children in ECCD Centers".

Livelihood

- CARE supported the poultry farming livelihood initiatives of 35 beneficiaries of central camp-2 and 48 beneficiaries of salambaikkeni-1 & 2 in Navithanveli DS.