

SITUATION REPORT # 99

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

1-9 November 2007

- Recently, the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka in New York submitted a request for the donation of 500 used computers with monitors and printers to be used to augment relief and development efforts in the country's Eastern Province. Specifically, the computers will be used to establish information technology units that will in turn facilitate computer education for children there and in other needy provincial regions. On 8 November, a ceremony was attended by H.E. Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, Sri Lanka's Ambassador to the UN; Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Assistant Secretary-General, Chief Information Technology Officer, and Mr. Eduardo Blinder, Director, Information Technology Services Division to mark the handover of the first set of 50 computers.

KILINOCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

Situation Update

- 5-6 November, the SLA closed the Entry/Exit point at Omanthai for UN/INGO movement.
- The Uyilankulam Entry/Exit point remains closed for movement. This crossing has been closed since 3 September 2007.

Internally Displaced Persons

- As at 31 October, the total number of displaced people in Kilinochchi district was 13,219 families. In Mullaitivu, 9,068 families are displaced.

Sector Response

Shelter

- UNHCR headed the Shelter/NFRI Forum Meeting that focused on information sharing and initiation of project submission for the Common Humanitarian Action Plan (CHAP)/Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2008.
- Solidar completed the construction of five shelters at Puthukkudiyiruppu in Mullaitivu District
- UNHCR together with partner UNOPS completed the construction of 38 shelter units out of a committed 100 shelters for Manthai West IDPs in Poonagary AGA. UNHCR with partner FORUT is in the process of constructing 76 shelter units in Thunukkai.
- UNHCR and partner FORUT are re-thatching the roofs of 194 IDP families in Alampin of Mareden Pattu AGA. Re-thatching is complete on the shelters of six families and the rest of the work is ongoing.
- 12,630 sheaths of coconut leaves were distributed to selected beneficiaries in Piramantharu, Periyakulam Punnaiveeravi and Kalmadunagar in Kilinochchi District for roof constructions.

Water and Sanitation

- Provision of water supply facilities and establishment of a fence around the school premises was started by SCiSL at the K/Santhapuram Kalaimagal Vidiyalayam School with the support of the School Development Society (SDS) and Parents. 259 children will benefit from these interventions.
- Solidar with UNICEF funds successfully completed the construction of six latrines in Mullaitivu District Schools. Solidar with the support of UNOPS constructed a tube well for 84 IDP families in Kalmadunagar (Kilinochchi) settled in Solidar temporary.
- On 6 November, UNICEF distributed hygiene kits to 86 IDP children in Kankampikaikulam GTMS in Kilinochchi Education Zone.

- UNHCR with UNOPS completed the construction of seven tube wells in Karachi AGA and one in Poonogary AGA. Work on four additional tube wells is ongoing in Poonakary.

Education

- 06 November, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) assisted 18 displaced children (from Vadamarachchi East of Jaffna District, Mannar and Vavuniya) at St. Theresa's Girls College in Kilinochchi District by providing Learning Kits consisting of 15 learning items.
- SCiSL constructed a fence to enclose 4 primary classrooms. Renovation of the roof of the library of M/Puthukkudiyiruppu R.C. Vidiyalayam School with the support of the School Development Society (SDS) and parents was also started. 464 children will benefit by these interventions.
- SCiSL completed the construction of a play parks in Kanthikiramam and Mulankavil Poonakary DS in Kilinochchi District. This IDP location now provides recreational facilities to around 250 children in each area.
- SCiSL completed the construction of two Child Friendly Spaces in Kilinochchi.
- SCiSL conducted 20 follow up meetings with child recruits.

Health

- Solidar conducted a hygiene awareness presentation for 98 students of PTK Central College in Mullaitivu District

Food

- 5-9 November, SCiSL provided nutritional food to 335 displaced children in the districts.
- Solidar conducted nutrition trainings on home gardening for 100 IDP beneficiaries in Kandawalai DS Division in Kilinochchi District (Uriyaan, Murasumoddai, Kandawalai & Piramanthanaru).

NFRI

- 40 sets of plastic furniture for children, 5 plastic buckets, 15 mats, 30 sets of silver plates and cups and 80 towels were distributed by SCiSL to the Iranaimathanagar Sökkalingam Poonka ECCDC/ Day Care Center in Poonakary DS. Additionally, nearly 160 children benefit from SCiSL's supplementary feeding programme.
- Solidar while maintaining the generators in Kilinochchi and Mulankavil hospitals replaced 8 new batteries of the Solar Inverter System in the Nattankandal Hospital.
- Solidar completed the internal electrical wiring of the Akkarayan Hospital.

Livelihood

- In Manalkudiyiruppu and Mulliwaikkal, 165 families received CARE assistance for home gardening activities.
- In Manalkudiyiruppu, five families received assistance for paddy cultivation from CARE.
- In Manalkudiyiruppu and Mulliwaikkal, CARE provided home gardening training to 165 beneficiaries with the support of the Agriculture Department of Mullaitivu.
- UNHCR with partner Working Women Development Foundation (WWDF) assisted ten Extremely Vulnerable Individual (EVI) families with start-up income generation funds.

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS

Situation update

- The security situation remains tense with heightened presence of military and police personnel and increased military operations, particularly in Mannar.

Internally Displaced Persons

- The GA office reports that there were 5,938 families (22,332 individuals) displaced in Mannar district and 3,071 families (10,302 persons) displaced in Vavuniya district as at 3 November 2007.

Sector Response

Shelter

- The SLA Ground Commander requested Sewa Lanka Foundation (SLF) to stop the construction of houses at the Kalmadu relocation site due to security considerations. The GA, UNHCR and SLF are advocating for the resumption of work.
- IOM under ECHO's displacement and return program started on the construction of 100 temporary shelters for recent Musali IDPs staying in Achchankulam, Nanaddan, Pallankoddai in Nanattan DS.
- 31 October-7 November, CARE under ECHO's emergency relief for IDPs and host communities program started the construction of 82 emergency shelters in Kowvankulam in Nanaddan.
- 5 November, IOM under the AusAid funded Community Rehabilitation project completed the construction of a multipurpose Building at Avisathapitiya and handed it over to Divisional Secretary-Vavuniya South.
- 7 November, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) under a Waste Management Project at Division B of the Sithamparapuram Welfare Centre completed the construction of 39 household compost systems and distributed coconut and mango plants to 28 families, seedlings to 69 families and garbage bins and mammoty (sharp edged shovel) to 39 families in Vavuniya.
- IOM and SLF under the ECHO's displacement and return program started the construction of 200 temporary shelters for IDPs staying in Illupaikadavai and Kalliyadi in Manthai West.

Water and Sanitation

- 6 November, UNICEF and IOM under a project of Improving Water and Sanitation Conditions for Returning Refugees and Host Populations completed the construction of 13 tube wells in Cheddikulam and Vavuniya DS and provided one day training on maintaining the tube wells.
- ZOA deepened one common well (to get more water for IDPs) and provided it with a bucket and a pulley in Athimodai in Manthai West.

Protection

- 31 October and 01 November, UNHCR organized a workshop on Sexual and Gender Based Violence for representatives from RDF, NRC, Shade and UNHCR. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss standard operating procedures on SGBV cases, the referral system and the establishment of a SGBV forum in Vavuniya.

Food

- 8 November, Sewa Lanka Foundation distributed food items such as rice (8kg), wheat flour (3kg), milk powder packet (1), tea (250g), Sugar (2kg), dhal (1kg), tin fish (2 tins) to 97 Musali IDP families staying in Thalvupadhu and Mannar town.

Education

- 6 November, IOM, under the AusAid funded Community Rehabilitation Project, donated English and Sinhala resource materials and learning equipment to the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) language resource centre to improve the languages of unemployed youth and government officers in Mannar.
- 7 November, ZOA provided a temporary learning space at the Razool Puthuvely school to accommodate students displaced from Musali.

Livelihood

- 6 November, IOM, under the AusAid funded Community Rehabilitation Project, donated a combined harvesting machine worth 3 million rupees to the Department of Agrarian Development in Mannar. Around 1,000 farmers will benefit from this assistance.
- 6 November, IOM, under the AusAid funded Community Rehabilitation Project, donated bakery equipment to the Centre for Rehabilitation and Drug Addicts as a support for their livelihood development.

Agriculture and Food Security

- 1-7 November, CARE distributed agriculture input (five bushels of seed paddy, pail, mamoty, rack, sacks, black gram, ground nut and cowpea) to 85 vulnerable farmers staying in Valavaiththakulam (25), Andiyapuliyankulam (25), Puthukkulam (26), Beediya farm (9) and provided three sprayers to the the RDS of Valavaiththakulam, Andiyapuliyankulam, Puthukkulam and one to the Beediya farm in Cheddikkulam DS.

Psycho-social

- 1-7 November, ZOA and Familian counselors conducted 15 family visits and 10 individual counseling sessions for IDPs staying in Nanaddan church and conducted five child group programs for 105 children in Nanaddan DS.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Situation update

- An interagency assessment mission to Upporal was organised on 6 November to look into conditions in the Southern part of the GN Division which recently received a Low Risk Certificate for mines. The authorities are planning the return of IDPs to the area soon. UNHCR, OCHA, WFP and UNICEF participated in the assessment which focused on Cheenaveli village.

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 have been no significant IDP movements or returns during the reporting period.

Sector Response

Food

- 1.73 MT of WFP mixed food commodities were dispatched this week to feed 129 IDPs in Kinniya. This represents a one month ration.
- 5.698 MT mixed food commodities dispatched to MOH Kinniya and MOH Thampalakamam to be distributed by 85 health volunteers assisting the implementation of the Mother and Child Nutrition (MCN) programme in the clinics.
- 32.35 MT of mixed food was dispatched to Town & Gravest and Thampalakamam for distribution to 3,850 beneficiaries under WFP's Food for Work programmes.

Shelter

- IOM completed the drainage work in Plots B, C/F in Kiliveddy IDP Transit Sites while the drainage work in Plot A is ongoing.
- Out of a committed 141 shelters, IOM completed 60 shelters in Valaithottam (Anaitheevu GN division), Kallady (Verugal Mugathuvaram GN division) & Ilankaithurai (Ilankaithurai GN division).
- At the Shelter Coordination meeting the Coordinator for Ministry of Resettlement announced that the resettlement of Amman Nagar (Tamil community – 30 families) and Arafā Nagar (Muslim community – 60 families) will take place shortly. The Road Development Department is rehabilitating the access road to Amman Nagar. GA had a meeting regarding re/construction of a permanent and temporary bridge to Amman Nagar. LEADS agreed to construct 50 shelters in Amman Nagar and Arafā Nagar.
- ICRC is pre-positioning construction material to construct semi-permanent shelters in Uppooral. These shelters will be constructed with the participation of returnees after their return.

- UMCOR and the National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) completed technical assessments of 281 (out of 300) conflict, partly-damaged houses in Muttur. UMCOR completed the assessment of 536 partially damaged houses to distribute shelter repair kits in the Kiliveddi and Seruwila areas.
- OFERR started distribution of material for the repair of partly damaged houses in Chenaiyoor and Mavadichchenai (Verugal GN division, and in Punniyadi (Ilankaithurai Mugathuvaram GN division)
- ICRC completed the construction of 12 shelters in Sivapuram and 13 shelters in Thangapuram Seruvila DS division.
- Community Trust Fund (CTF) completed the cement flooring for 27 shelters in Namalwatta, Moruwewa DS Division to be used by long term IDPs who are returning to their land.

Health

- IOM conducted 12 hygiene promotion workshops for returnees in Valaithottam (Anaitheevu GN division) and Kallady (Verugal Mugathuvaram GN division).
- 1 November, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) distributed frocks and sanitary napkins to 88 women in Cultural hall transit centre (each received one frock and 1 pack of sanitary napkins).

Water and Sanitation

- Although Oxfam offered to refund the running and maintaining costs of the gully sucker which serves IDP Transit Sites in Kiliveddy and Muttur the service is not being provided. Discussions were held with the PS Seruvila and Muttur to identify reasons for this. The watsan group expressed serious concern about the consequences of not providing the service.
- The situation in terms of watsan in Echchilampattai is under control: DS and PS of the area have not reported related problems.
- The watsan coordination group identified cultural issues as being a factor of a reduced effect of proper hygiene promotion campaigns in return areas and the required impact on the target population is in question. The watsan group decided to organize a proper evaluation and monitoring of the past and ongoing hygiene promotion activities to reveal constraints and weaknesses in more detail.
- In Van Ela, Kantalai DS Division, Oxfam is considering supporting the community with water trucking for the next 6 months as the water supply in this area is contaminated. In the meantime Oxfam is looking into long term solutions to improve the water quality in the area following a request by the GA to look into the matter.

Food Security, Agriculture and Livelihood

- At a Food Security and Agriculture Coordination meeting on 6 November, agencies pooled resources to try to cover the 500-700 families in Eachchilampattai who have been left without livelihood recovery packages since a number of agencies pulled out of commitments due to funding shortages. New commitments by agencies already involved have reduced the gap to around 200 families with other agencies looking into covering these by the next meeting in two weeks time.

Education

- The joint UN assessment mission to Cheenanveli village in Uppooral on 6 November showed that the school sustained no damage due to the recent conflict. The office seems to be looted, and upon the return of teachers a clearer picture of the loss of equipment and records will be available. Furniture seems to be partially damaged but mostly still in the school. Teachers at this school are currently attached to other schools in the district. The well in the school has been saline since tsunami time and there are no toilets. UNICEF will work with education authorities and other partners in filling the gaps pending resettlement.
- On 6 November, UNICEF re-issued and handed over 10 birth certificates of children in Eachchilampattai to the Divisional Education Officer (DEO) in the area. (Ref. sitrep # 98). Measures are being taken to enhance capacity of the Trincomalee District Registrar's office to re-issue 50 birth certificates a week starting 7 November.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

Situation Update

- Security concerns remain in Batticaloa due to the continued presence of armed civilians in the district.
- This week tension increased between Pillayan and Karuna faction in Batticaloa resulting in advice for UN movement restrictions locations of TMVP offices in Batticaloa town.
- Residents of Muslim areas in Batticaloa district observed a hartal on 6 November. The hartal was called by the Federation of Mosques in Batticaloa district in protest of a Muslim trader who was abducted in Ottamavaddy in Valachchenai.

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to Government statistics, at 5 November 2007, the total registered IDP population in the District was 9,045 families (33,746 individuals).

Sector Response

Shelter

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) completed the construction of 412 shelters at Panichankerny in Vaharai division.
- 68 shelters were completed at Kachakudy Swamimalai in Paddipalai division by IOM.
- A total of 234 shelters at Mahilavedduwan and 65 at Naripulthottam were identified by IOM for construction in Vavunativu division, for which shelter kits arrived and distribution is on-going. The construction of two 2 shelters is complete and 12 are under construction at Mahilavedduwan and at seven in Naripulthottam.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) provided 40 new temporary shelters to returnee families at Omadiyamadu in Vaharai division.
- NRC replaced deteriorated hangars in Savakkady camp in Chenkalady division; to date, 17 hangars of 6 family units have been decommissioned and replaced with 119 individual family shelters.
- The NRC Shelter Team commenced a shelter assistance program providing rigid emergency shelters to returning families in West of Chenkalady who's homes were damaged during their displacement. NRC's current area of operation includes the following the Thampanavely, Pulliavely and Pankudavely villages.

Food

- The main food rations for IDPs are covered by Sewalanka, NCM Lanka and GA/WFP.
- Complementary foods to 25% welfare centre IDPs is given by NCM Lanka, Help from Germany, Sewalanka, arche noVa and NCC.
- There was a 75% gap in complementary food assistance for IDPs in welfare centres for the first half of November.

Main food rations for the resettled populations in West Batticaloa are covered by GA/WFP and the British Red Cross Society (BRCS) provides the cash equivalent of a food programme in Vaharai division.

- 32% of resettled families in West of Batticaloa are assisted with complementary food by ICRC (5,250 families) and Help from Germany (778 families). A gap in complementary food exists for 68% of the resettled families in West Batticaloa division.

Water and Sanitation

- Flushing of 8 x 2" tube wells for water analysis took place at the Kokkuvil market site, Shaththurukondan hospital & railway site, Palameenmadu 1 and 2 and manpower camp by arche noVa. And flushing of 1 x 6" tube well for on site water system took place at Palameenmadu 2 camp in MN division.
- 36 pillars were constructed for tube wells and 29 aprons (to assist in drainage) were constructed at Thiraimadu in Manmunai North (MN) division by arche noVa.
- 16 water samples have been taken and analyzed by arche noVa for further approbation by UNICEF to flush 6" tube wells for onsite water systems.

- 2 November, ACTED started on cleaning the drainage of the Zahira School camp in MN division on a cash for work basis.
- 1-5 November, arche noVa cleaned bathing areas, tube wells, dug wells, toilets and camp compound with the support of IDPs and hygiene promotion volunteers in Palameenmadu 2, Kokkuvil 3 and Zahira School in MN division.
- IOM identified 50 toilets to be built in Panichchankerny in Vaharai division of which 10 toilets are under construction.
- IOM constructed 38 permanent toilets in Nochchimunai in MN division.
- Oxfam GB, arche noVa/UNICEF, IOM and ICRC bowsered 726,500 liters of water per day sites in Valachchenai, Chenkalady, Kiran, Arayampathy, Vavunatheevu, Manmunai North, Manmunai West, Manmunai North, Vaharai, Manmunai West.

NFRI

- 3 November, Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) distributed NFRI packs to 708 families with 1,682 children at Thumpankerni, Kalumunthanvely Punnakulam and Kandipuram unit in Vellavelly division. The NFRI pack includes kitchen utensils, aluminum buckets, sarongs, plastic mats, bed sheets, hygiene kit, bath towel, laundry soaps, baby soaps & baby mosquito net.
- UNICEF is distributing NFRI kits to returnees in Vavunatheevu division.

Protection

- 2, 3 and 4 November, SCiSL organized awareness programmes on health care, child rights convention, child protection, disaster risk reduction and importance of education at Saththurukondan II & III, Palameenmadu II and Navatkerney IDP camps in MN division for 371 children and 142 parents.

Education

- SCiSL distributed 400 early childhood education kits to 11 Early Childhood Care and Development Centres (ECCDC) in Vavunatheevu and Paddipalai division through its partner organization Sarvodaya on 2 November.
- 2 November, SCiSL distributed 950 pairs of shoes and 1,900 pairs of socks to two schools, and 498 educational kits to one school in Vellavelly division.
- SCiSL continues to provide supplementary feeding to 3,200 displaced early childhood children in the Batticaloa, Paddiruppu and Kalkudah education zones.
- 5 and 6 November, SCiSL distributed educational stationeries at nine schools accommodating displaced children from host families and IDP camps in Batticaloa education zone.
- 3-6 November, SCiSL facilitated a training conducted by the Assistant Director of Early Childhood Education on "Appropriate Teaching Methodologies" for 75 Early Childhood Education teachers from Kalkudah and Paddiruppu education zones.
- People in Need (PIN) is in the process of establishing a permanent office in Batticaloa to cover Batticaloa and Ampara districts. In cooperation with the Provincial Ministry of Education, PIN will conduct development education projects starting January 2008 and Pre School development projects, English Teachers Trainings, and give small grants to schools.

Health & Nutrition

- UNICEF supported Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme (NRP) is in progress at all resettled divisions of Vaharai, Vellavelly, Paddipalai and Vavunatheevu.
- 22-26 and 29-30 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.

Livelihood

- ZOA distributed seed paddy and fertilizer to 500 families in Saravaniyadiuththu, Thikkodai and Vanniyadiuththu in Vellavelly division.

- ZOA distributed eight different varieties of other crop seeds to 283 families in Vavunatheevu division, 953 families in Vellavelly division and 500 host families in Valachchenai division.
- SCiSL gave bank drafts (each worth Rs 15,000) to 600 resettled families in the Vellavelly division as the first installment to recommence their livelihood activities.

AMPARA DISTRICT

Situation update

- A Bilateral Donor Group (BDG) mission led by the Canadian Embassy visited Ampara 5-7 November to observe the ground situation and observe first hand impressions on the Guiding Principles for Humanitarian and Development Assistance in Sri Lanka. The delegation met several stakeholders including UN, INGOs, NGOs, civil society, religious leaders, local authorities and the STF.

Internally Displaced Persons

- There are presently 1,527 families consisting of 5,637 individuals displaced in Ampara District. The majority of the caseload remains with friends and family except for 34 families who are living in a tsunami transitional camp in Kalmunai.
- UNHCR highlighted the lack of consistent updates to IDP statistics to the GA/AGA. The AGA sent an urgent reminder to all DS Divisions requesting updates to be submitted.
- 31 October, a coordinated field visit by UNHCR and FAO took place to Mahaoya to assess the reported night displacement among the Sinhala community. Further assessments will be conducted in order to establish the ground situation.

Sector Response

Shelter

- ICRC agreed to do repair/maintain 80 IDP temporary shelters in Alayadivembu with provisions of zinc sheets and cement. UNHCR identified 12 families in Sammanthurai and Navithaveli in need of shelter care and maintenance assistance and assessed to provide plastic sheets.
- IOM upgraded seven UNHCR shelters at Murukan site in Kalmunai Tamil DS.
- IOM completed the construction of a veranda with cement rendering for three shelters at bar camp in Kalmunai Tamil DS.
- IOM upgraded the walls of 39 IOM shelters in Thirukkivil DS by replacing the damaged wood plank with new ones.
- IOM completed the construction of ten SCiSL relocation shelters for tsunami beneficiaries in Thirukkivil DS.
- IOM completed the construction of 15 SCiSL relocation shelters for tsunami beneficiaries in Pottuvil DS.
- IOM completed the construction of four SCiSL relocation shelters for tsunami beneficiaries in Akkaraipattu DS.

Food

- WFP/Government continues to provide food assistance to 5,677 IDPs, 32,540 pregnant and lactating mothers and children under five, 21,493 school children (under School Feeding programme) and 13,474 Food for Work participants.

Water and Sanitation

- IOM constructed five new toilets at a relocation site in Thirukkivil.
- IOM upgraded four wells at a relocation site in Thirukkivil.
- IOM upgraded ten wells for SCiSL beneficiaries in Karaitivu.
- IOM upgraded 15 wells for SCiSL beneficiaries in Kalmunai.

Protection

- 6 November, SCiSL distributed emergency equipment to 40 tsunami-affected fishermen in Kalmunai-Tamil DS through the Grama Niladari and DS office Livelihood Officers.

Psycho-social

- SCiSL conducted a Kids in Touch Programme in Ampara on 3 November for 75 children.

Education

- People in Need (PIN) completed the construction of a fully equipped tsunami school in Kalmunai Saraswathi Vidiyalaya and handed it over to 200 students.
- 5 November, SCiSL conducted a workshop/meeting on vocational training for youths and parents of Central Camp-04 (Navithanveli DS).
- 2 November, SCiSL supported 45 children of the Annai Youth Club to hold an art exhibition at Sakthy Viddiyalayam in Vinayagapuram to make the community aware of Child Rights.
- 1 November, SCiSL conducted a workshop on gender based violence and leadership for 25 persons at Himudurawa (Uhana DS Division).
- 2 November, SCiSL supported the local NGO, NUEF to conduct a workshop on Gender Based Violence and Leadership for 30 women at Himudurawa.

Livelihood

- 1 November, CARE conducted a livelihood capacity building training on home gardening to 23 beneficiaries of central camp-2 in Navithanveli DS.
- CARE taught home gardening techniques to 23 beneficiaries in Navithanveli division and 25 beneficiaries in Uhana division and supported two Beneficiaries in Uhana and 3 beneficiaries in Navithanveli with livelihood cash grants for paddy cultivation.

Psycho-social

- SCiSL helped the Kalmunai Base Hospital to construct a children's park by the side of the children's ward of the hospital premises.
- SCiSL supported the Kalmunai Base Hospital to renovate a child activity center for the use of disabled and differently abled children.

Health

- IOM completed five trainings on health and hygiene promotion (Training of Trainers) for Kalmunai Tamil, Kalmunai Muslim, Sainthamaruthu, Karaitivu, Nintavur, Akkaraipattu and Thirukkivil DS divisions' IDPs.

Water and Sanitation

- IOM reports that around 20 camps in Kalmunai Muslim and Tamil DS and Karaitivu DS have full latrine pits and the IDPs (camp residents) are without proper sanitation facilities.

Agriculture and Food Security Sector

- 1 November, FAO in collaboration with SWORD distributed vegetable kits with fertilizer to 200 IDPs and host families and distributed ground nuts to 100 families in Thirukkivil DS.

JAFFNA DISTRICT (15-31 October 2007)

Situation Update

- The situation was volatile and tense in the areas close to the Forward Defense Line and Jaffna lagoon area due to fighting between the Sri Lanka Defense Forces and LTTE.

Sector Response

Protection

- UNHCR conducted training for Government Officers of Karaveddy Divisional Secretariat on GPID, documentation, and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV). The three sessions of the training were provided jointly by UNHCR, the SGBV Coordinator, and the Assistant Registrar General of the Jaffna District Registry. DRC Protection team assisted UNHCR to facilitate the training sessions. 22 GSOs, seven Samurdhi Managers, three Samurdhi Development Officers, one Additional District Registrar, and a Sports Officers participated.
- Four refugee families returning from India and unintentionally arriving in Jaffna received onward transportation to their zones of origin in Mannar and Vavuniya by local authorities. UNHCR in Jaffna has forwarded information of the returnees to the respective UNHCR offices.
- Four Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVIs) were assisted during the period under review – two in Ilanthaiyady Welfare Centers in Uduvil Division and the third in a return zone in Palavi, Chavakachcheri. The fourth was the victim of SGBV.
- UNICEF took part in the opening ceremony of the Protective Accommodation and Rehabilitation Center in Kurunagar, Jaffna on 24 October. In the initial stage, only 20 surrendeers will be moved to this center. UNICEF is following up on this process to ensure that basic principles are met for the child surrendeers. UNICEF provided basic non food relief items to fill the gap of support provided by the government.
- UNICEF visited 6 mothers and 10 children who surrendered and are currently placed in the State Approved Home. Again UNICEF provided hygiene items, clothes for the children, school kits and recreational materials. One of the major concerns is the disruption of schooling for the children who surrendered with their parents.
- The UNICEF supported Mine Risk Education (MRE) NGO, White Pigeon, conducted MRE for the 34 IDPs (18 female and 16 male) in the 2 TACs of Jaffna Town.
- One mine/UXO removal request form was collected by MRE NGO White Pigeon. This request form was sent to the District Mine Action Office (DMAO) for explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) action.
- UNDP Mine Action De-mining is progressing at 22 sites in Nallur, Kopay, Thenmaradchchi DS divisions and Battle Area Clearance at Allaippidy in Velanai DS divisions.
- During the reporting period, UNDP Mine Action cleared a 57,971 m2 area of mines and UXOs and 177,312 m2 cleared area was handed over to beneficiaries through the respective Divisional Secretaries.
- Quality Check and Quality Assurance operations on MRE activities and de-mining sites are being continuously carried out by UNDP Mine Action.

NFRI

- UNHCR distributed selected NFRI to 07 IDP households living with host families in Karainagar division.
- SCiSL gave a computer to Kopay division CRPO
- SCiSL distributed 10 Caramboards, 10 Damboards, 10 Badmintons, 10 Large Plastic Ball, 05 Foot balls to children through Point Pedro and Karaveddy DS office

Shelter

- During the period under review, UNHCR implementing partner, JSAC completed the upgrading/repair of 46 existing shelters in Sandilipay (07 shelters), Uduvil (13 shelters) and Chankanai divisions (26 shelters).

Food Security

- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) with the Dept. of Agriculture (Ext.) distributed 3 bushels of seed paddy per beneficiary with recommended fertilizers and provided training on improved agricultural techniques to promote paddy cultivation for 500 vulnerable beneficiaries for 10 DS Divisions in Jaffna District.

- FAO with the Dept. of Agriculture (Ext) through implementing partners World Vision & SewaLanka distributed vegetable home garden kits with recommended fertilizer and provided training on improved agricultural techniques to 605 IDP and vulnerable households in Velanai, Uduvil, Chankanai, Karaveddy, Chavakachcheri, Sandilipay and Thelipalai DS Divisions in Jaffna.
- WFP's second shipment of 1,067 tons of food for Jaffna arrived on the 26 October. The food is to be distributed by the Government and WFP to persons and families among the most vulnerable populations in Jaffna. The food assistance will allow the Government and WFP to respond to immediate food needs.
- FAO, in collaboration with the Dept. of Agriculture (Ext) through implementing partners World Vision, Caritas & Sewalanka distributed vegetable home garden kits with recommended fertilizer and provided training on improved agricultural techniques to 340 IDPs and vulnerable household on 25th, 26th & 28th October and 1st, 2nd & 4th November 2007 in Uduvil, Chankanai, Pointpedro, Chavakachcheri, Sandilipay and Thelipalai DS Divisions in Jaffna.
- FAO in collaboration with the Dept. of Agriculture (Ext.) distributed 3 bushel seed paddy per beneficiary with recommended fertilizers and provided training on improved agricultural techniques to promote paddy cultivation for 260 most vulnerable beneficiaries from 25th to 28th October, 2007 for 10 DS Divisions in Jaffna District.

Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion

- The construction and/or rehabilitation of UNICEF water and sanitation facilities complementing the shelter rehabilitation in Welfare Centers in 11 locations in Uduvil, Chankanai and Tellipalai, Uduvil and Chankanai is ongoing in collaboration with the Government Agent and DSs.
- UNICEF distributed toilet cleaning material at IDP temporary accommodation centers in Karaveddy DS.
- A UNICEF water and sanitation assessment was carried out in Punguduthivu Island together with local authorities and community members to identify possible areas for partnerships to improve access to safe water.
- A UNICEF participatory need assessment was carried out in the primary School in Nagarkovil to improve water and sanitation facilities for the benefit of 200 children.
- The Nilawarai water supply scheme funded by UNICEF and implemented by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWS&DB) is now functional and benefits 3,500 people.

Health and Nutrition

- The UNICEF Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme implemented by the Regional Directorate of Health Services (RDHS) in Jaffna is catering to the therapeutic needs of 463 severely malnourished children under five in 6 MOH divisions. UNICEF supplies the therapeutic milk and high energy biscuits and monitors the progress of the programme.
- UNICEF's community-based antenatal care awareness for 70 health care workers is ongoing with focus on the importance of antenatal care, adequate intake of food and micronutrients, rest and regular check-ups.
- 350 MOH health workers gained knowledge in lactation management and infant and young child feeding practices, including theoretical and practical components from the 1st and 2nd phase training supported by UNICEF.
- UNICEF support to 75 Rural Health Assistants continues while UNICEF continues to pay the allowances of the RHAs to assist in the 7 MOH areas in the district.
- As deaths occurred due to Dengue fever, UNICEF with the RDHS distributed 6,500 mosquito nets to children under five, pregnant women, and patients at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital.
- Ongoing monitoring of UNICEF health and nutrition programs continues.

Education

- As part of UNICEF support for the training of teachers in Thenmaradchy zone, a Child Friendly School training programme for Deputy Principals and section heads was completed on 23 October. Also, a ten-day English language training programme for 25 non-English primary teachers was undertaken by UNICEF.
- UNICEF has completed 50% of the renovation work of the J/ Illavalai St. Henry's college and 75% of the renovation work of the J/ Chunnakam Mailani Vidyalaya School in Valikamam zone. UNICEF completed the construction of a tube well with water facilities and renovated the Puthuvaiur pre-school and issued it a plastic tank, furniture and play material.

- In Chavakachcheri Division, UNICEF completed the construction of a tube well and permanent toilet with septic tank at the Madduvil Pre-school.
- The UNICEF construction of Sandilipay North Pre-school is in progress.
- In Analaitivu, UNICEF work on the construction of permanent toilets with septic tank at two pre-schools is in progress.
- IOM distributed school education material to ten children of returnees from India.
- SCiSL distributed 23 class room movable screens to 6 schools in Kopay division
- SCiSL distributed 27 Library table, 125 wooden chair and 6 laminating machine to 13 schools in Sandilipay, Thellipalai and Kopay division
- SCiSL distributed 6 sets of socks and Library books to 6 six schools in Karaveddy division
- SCiSL gave a computer and a printer to Kappoothu Ehamparam Vidiyalayam in Karaveddy division

Psycho-social

- UNICEF continues to support JSAC, a local NGO partner, in conducting Child Friendly Space (CFS) activities in five areas (Varani North, Karampaikuruchchi, Pasiyoor, Kurunagar, and St. Rocks in Kurunagar) and in four children's homes (Paramanatha- Karaveddy, Palam -Kopay, Hindu board- Thirunellvely, and Karunalayam-Nallur) benefiting more than 450 children during the reporting period.
- UNICEF circulated a training needs survey to the CFS NGOs to prioritize CFS capacity building training topics for the next 3 months.

Livelihood

- UNDP is implementing 27 livelihood projects and has directly benefited 3,200 persons through 14 projects. Of the 27 projects, 8 projects are complete. 13 new livelihood projects have been developed and approved by the District Review Board (DRB) and implementation of the new project is going on.
- The livelihood project for the UNDP 1,000 IDP youth programme is currently being carried out through two partners in collaboration with Divisional Secretaries.
- UNDP has developed a proposal to support the livelihood needs IDPs from high security zones currently residing in welfare camps and with friends and relatives.
- ILO is implementing 204 livelihood projects with various agencies estimated at Rs. 13.64 billion.
- In the agriculture sector steps are being taken to form a District Farmer Forum and a welfare programme for the children of farmers is planned by the Agrarian Development Department.
- The late rainfall is affecting the growth of the paddy crop and crop drying is reported in certain areas and second sowing may be needed to be done. The weather is also affecting the crop growth.
- The local potato cultivation is not supported in this season and farmers are requesting agencies to consider a package to be included in this season's programme as this will provide a good income for them. The cost of 50 Kg seed potato including transport in Jaffna is Rupees 13,000-14,000.
- Tree planting and support for the Department of Forestry is of prime concern as there are needs in this sub sector activity. The Department of Science and Technology Development currently functions at the district and is willing to extend support for the technology transfer.
- ILO facilitated the district forum of the CCHA livelihood sub sector which was held in Jaffna and chaired by the Government Agent. The programme was also facilitated by the National Technical Advisors from Colombo to forward good practices and recommendations for the national level workshop scheduled to be held in Colombo in November.
- IOM conducted home gardening training and gave inputs (tools and planting material) to 25 beneficiaries.
- IOM assisted 34 beneficiaries who returned from India and western countries with fishing gear, livestock, agriculture and carpentry kits.
- IOM initiated vocational training on electric wiring, computer and dress making is in progress for 42 Refugees Return from India (RRI) beneficiaries.
- IOM started driving lessons for 30 youth Refugee Returnees from India.
- IOM started a pilot project on the promotion of compost for bio-intensive gardening on 15 October in Sandilipay, Chankanai and Karaveddy. 150 beneficiaries were trained and received inputs (hand tools and planting materials).