

## DRAFT- Batticaloa Emergency Watsan Coordination Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 18 July 2007/ 9.30AM

Location: UNICEF

Chair: NWSDB

Attendees: ACTED, CCF, World Vision, Archenova, Merlin, MSF-F, ACLG, UN OCHA, ICRC, NRC, UNHCR

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### 1. Resettlement Overview

- NWSDB informed that the process of resettlement is going on in Ayithiyamalai. Also some of the people were re settled in Eechilampathu area. Balance people are remaining in the camps. Sampur IDPs are still in the camps. NWSDB also informed that they will update more about the re settlement in the next meeting.
- UNICEF informed that the Government plan for the re settlements were released 2 weeks back. It says the water situation is very bad. In the plan, an extra 20 bowsers for Paddipalai, Vellavelly, Vavunatheevu and Vaharai are requested and UNICEF raised questions on the need for this request. The water situation is bad in these areas because of the dry season. Nothing mentioned about sanitation facilities.
- UNICEF informed that the GA is allowing access for limited agencies for shelter response. UNHCR and ICRC are assessing the needs, and according to them that the needs are much less – like 2,500 shelters. NWSDB said that the cadjan huts are not in living condition. That's why the needs of the shelters are increasing. In the huts most of the roofs are damaged.

### Vavunitheevu update:

- UNICEF reported that in Vavunatheevu water supply is very bad due to the dry season. People are depending on bowser water.
- World Vision informed that they have visited Vavunatheevu thrice. Total bowsering is as follows:
  - Pradesa Saba: 10,000 L x 2 bowsers  
12,000 L x 1 bowser
  - World Vision: 4,000 L x 2 bowsers (bowsering to 5 villages)
- There is no water source being utilized in Vavunitheevu at the moment. NWSDB said if it is possible to install a water treatment plant, such as the one in Vahari:
  - **Action:** World Vision to see if they have Memcor filters in stock in Colombo
- Merlin said that there is a tube well closer to Unnichai Pavakodichenai, and the tank fitted with hand pump. Merlin asked World Vision to remove the pump and to start pumping water.
- World Vision said that the Pradesa Sabas did not organize the bowsering in a proper way. Also World Vision requested for water bladders from ICRC and MSF.
- UNHCR said that they are doing the shelters in the East part and ICRC is doing in the West part. UNHCR informed that they are planning to start their basic shelters by next week, and presently they are giving tarpolines and tool kits.
- NWSDB requested the rep from ACLG to find the water sources in Vavunatheevu area.
  - **Action:** World Vision to liase with Pradeshiya Saba to find source.
- Archenova asked the organizations to do the mapping of bowsering. World Vision said that they will coordinate with ICRC and will do the mapping.
  - **Action:** World Vision and other agencies provide info to UNICEF on water sources available.
- World Vision said that Vellavelly Pradesa Saba requested a production well from them.
- NWSDB will give more information about resettlement areas at coming meetings:
  - **Action:** NWSDB to give more information on resettlement

### 2. Updates the situation of IDP camps:

- Archenova is now bowsering 100,000 L/day. They informed that the Cultural hall 1 camp is disappeared.
- NWSDB reported that Manmunai North and Chenkalady camps are still there. In Arayampathy 4 camps are there. At Valaichenai no camps, but in Kurukalmadam 2 camps remain.
- Unicef said at Kaluwanchikudy Solidarities left. World Vision is doing the bowsering.
  - ⇒ **Action:** World Vision will update on IDP issues in Kalwanchikudy
- Archenova said in Manmunai North no problem. They are collecting water from Kallady well.
- Water Board informed there are problems with kallady souce, as it is getting too low in dry season. Agencies should start using Thiramadu source
  - ⇒ **Action:** Archenova to use Thiramadu more and World Vision to see if they can park their bowsers at Paper Factory and fill up there for Vahari bowsering.
- NWSDB said that they will do the Thiraimadu scheme project. 4th time they are calling tender, because of the lack of contractors.
- World Vision reported that in Chenkalady no major issues with watsan. MSF reported their pipeline is functioning.

### 3. Camp contingency plan

- Unicef informed that there should be a contingency plan for the breakdown of bowsers. Also a meeting on "House hold water treatment" held in Colombo chaired by IRD.
- SODIS project IRD and World Vision are involved, but not yet started.
- UNICEF informed ACLG/WASHNet Rain water harvesting workshop planned in August. Date is not yet decided. It is going to link with the ACLG Washnet project, funded by Unicef. It will be a day workshop to share experiences.

### AOB:

- NWSDB reported that they had constructed some tanks at Puthur area. They have completed 3 at the moment.
- Archenova requested Unicef to send the leaflet of aqua tabs again.
- CCF said that they are conducting health education in schools. Training teachers on how to take care watsan in schools.
- Acted said that they have started drilling 3 borehole wells in Vaharai, and in Kirimichai they are going to start.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 09.30 AM at UNICEF conference room.