

SITUATION REPORT # 101

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

15-22 November 2007

KILINOCCHI DISTRICT

Situation update

- Aerial bombardments continued in several places in the Vanni. Movements of humanitarian agencies must therefore, be decided on a daily basis following an evaluation of the situation.

Internally Displaced Persons

- There were no changes to IDP statistics of the GA and AGA offices in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts. The total displaced figure stands at 83,364 individuals and 22,287 families.
- Displacement continues in Mannar district, in Manthai West and Madhu. According to the Divisional Secretariat (DS) of Manthai West, 2,680 families (10,566 members) have been displaced from areas near the Forward Defence Line (FDL), Mannar and have sought refuge in nine GS divisions since September 2007. AGA of Manthai West also reports that at least 103 families remain in communal buildings and that 97 families are without shelter, many sleeping under plastic sheeting.

Sector Response

Shelter

- 20 November, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) constructed 35 temporary shelters at the Pandiyankulam IDP location in Manthai East AGA division in Mullaitivu.
- 21 November, Sewa Lanka Foundation, IOM implementing partner in Manthai West, constructed 170 temporary shelters in Illuppaikkadawai, Anthonyapuram and Moonrampitty.
- Solidar completed the construction of 20 temporary shelters in Puthukkudiyiruppu and constructed 30 more at the Paaliyaru IDP location in Manthai West. As of 21 November a total of 188 temporary shelters have been completed in Paaliyaru by Solidar.
- UNHCR through its implementing partner UNOPS issued material to re-thatch 139 temporary shelters of IDPs settled in various parts of Kilinochchi. These shelters were provided by humanitarian actors during the 2005/2006 displacement.
- As of 20 November, FORUT, UNHCR implementing partner in Mullaitivu district, had purchased timber and enclosure material for 100 shelters and is in the process of distributing the material to IDPs, with 6 IDPs covered to-date.
- UNHCR is assisting 194 IDP families residing at the Alampil IDP location in Mullaitivu to re-thatch their temporary shelters which were built in the beginning of 2006.
- CARE distributed temporary shelter material to 70 IDPs settled in the Paranthan, Nachchikkuda and Pannankandy villages of Kilinochchi district. Additionally, CARE constructed five shelters out of a planned 84 in Mullaitivu district.

Food

- 17 November, WFP transported 60 MT of wheat flour through the Omanthai Forward Defence Line (FDL) into the Vanni for its ongoing dry ration distribution in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu.

Food Security

- 16 and 20 November, FAO with the Department of Agriculture organized a training on 'improved home gardening techniques' and also distributed vegetable seeds and shovels to 250 vulnerable households in Oddusuddan, Muththuyankaddu, Olumadu, Pandiyankulam and Thunukkai in Mullaitivu districts.

Water and Sanitation

- Oxfam provided three 1,000 liter capacity water tanks to the Vellankulam hospital in Manthai West, where the Adampan Hospital was displaced to in October due to artillery shelling.
- FORUT provided a tube well with a water tank and water pump to provide safe drinking water to 30 IDPs and 27 war-affected families settled in Mayavanoor in Kilinochchi.
- Solidar conducted a hygiene awareness presentation on prevention of disease during the rainy season for 170 students in Puthukkudiyiruppu Central College-Mullaitivu.
- 21 November, UNICEF provided Oxfam with hygiene promotion material (wall chart posters, hygiene leaflets, water proof stickers and UNICEF 'Meena books') in support of their hygiene awareness programmes for 3,000 newly displaced IDP families in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts.
- 22 November, CARE constructed 22 latrines in Maritimepattu AGA division in Mullaitivu.
- 21 November, UNICEF chaired a WASH meeting to discuss the current needs, preparedness and response and in turn bolstered coordination amongst water and sanitation agencies.

NFRI

- 20 November, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed NFRI items to 101 IDP families who arrived in Kilinochchi district from Manthai West, Batticaloa and Jaffna districts during the September - October 2007 period.
- Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) provided NFRI assistance to 310 Early Childhood Care and Development Center (ECCD) children in five villages in the Kilinochchi district.

Protection

- SCiSL with the support of the District Registry of Kilinochchi carried out a mobile service programme to support vulnerable people with obtaining legal documents. 138 persons including 56 children benefited from this programme.
- As part of IDP related mine clearance work, Norwegian People Aid (NPA) handed over the low (mine) risk confirmation letters to FORUT for 121 sites of 16 villages where FORUT will implement temporary shelters for IDP.

Education

- SCiSL constructed two Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Mudkomban and Uzhavanoor villages in Kilinochchi district for 80 children.
- SCiSL conducted a workshop on "Convention on Rights of Children" for 23 children in Iranaimatha nagar-Kilinochchi.
- Children's day programmes with cultural activities were organized at the Kuravil and Vallipunam villages in Mullaitivu district for 280 children and 50 parents.
- SCiSL provided steel cupboards to maintain important student files for three schools (Akkarayan GTMS, Mudkomban GTMS and Iranaitivu RCTMS) in Kilinochchi district.
- Two Early Childhood Care and Development Centers (ECCDCs) were opened in Uzhavanoor and Poothanvayal in Kilinochchi district to benefit 80 children.
- FORUT distributed play material to two youth clubs and a government school on 15 November.
- Two semi permanent pre-schools were constructed by FORUT and inaugurated in Thaddayarmalai-Mullaitivu for 32 students.
- SCiSL distributed ten varieties of trees to the Kalmadunakar Government Tamil Mixed School (GTMS) in Kilinochchi.

Health

- Oxfam provided a gully emptier to the Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) in Mullaitivu.

- Solidar donated a 650 watt generator to the Kallaru Primary Health Center, which provides services to 500 IDPs and host families living in the vicinity. Similarly, a 38 KV three phase generator was installed at the General Hospital in Mullaitivu and repairs undertaken on the 5 KV generator.
- OXFAM provided clothing, sanitation and hygiene items to RDHS to assist poor and vulnerable patients coming for treatment to the Mullaitivu hospital.

Livelihood

- Solidar selected 300 beneficiaries from Kandawalai AGA for home gardening assistance and distributed fencing material to them. In three selected villages out of a total of 8, Solidar conducted an awareness workshop on home gardening techniques.
- Under the programme for Extremely Vulnerable Individuals (EVI), UNHCR through FORUT distributed chickens to 15 vulnerable persons from Thunukkai AGA division in Mullaitivu district.
- CARE under the Local Initiatives for Tomorrow (LIFT) project assisted the Farmer Field School located in Jeyapuram north (Kilinochchi) in construction of tube wells to improve their agricultural activities.
- CARE provided seeds and horticulture crops to 331 families of seven villages in Kilinochchi district and provided assistance for paddy cultivation to 92 families from the Ampalavanpokkanai and Mathalan villages in Mullaitivu.

Capacity Building

- 20-21 November, DRC in collaboration with UNHCR organized a two-day CBO training in Mullaivaikkal east on communication skills, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and women's rights, drug and alcohol abuse prevention and on hygiene and health.
- 15 November, DRC held an awareness-raising session on safeguarding legal documents for 400 IDPs in Kandawalai AGA division-Kilinochchi.
- SCiSL conducted a capacity development programme for its 20 child protection volunteers in Kilinochchi.
- UNHCR continues its "Land and Civil Documentation Assistance Project" among the DS of Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu. Map lamination is ongoing in Karachchi AGA division in Kilinochchi district and wooden cupboards are being built in Puthukkudiyiruppu in Mullaitivu. To date, nearly 1,000 out of 1,500 ledgers have been rebound.
- CARE conducted three trainings for 30 beneficiaries at the NGO consortium conference hall on financial management, micro finance handling and reporting.
- CARE trained 150 beneficiaries of six villages on home gardening techniques.
- Under the LIFT project, CARE conducted a Socio Economic Empowerment (SEE) workshop for 30 CBO members in Jeyapuram - Poonakary division.

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS

Situation update

- The situation remains tense with a heightened presence of military and police personnel. Aerial bombing, artillery shelling, mortar fire and ground offensives continue particularly in Mannar.

Internally Displaced Persons

- The GA office reports that there are 5,965 families (22,433 individuals) displaced in Mannar district and 3,071 families (10,302 persons) displaced in Vavuniya district as of 22 November 2007.
- UNHCR reports that ten families including 30 persons returning from India to Sri Lanka via Mannar during the reporting period. All returnees proceeded to their places of origin (mainly Trincomalee).

Sector Response

Shelter

- On 16 November, CARE International completed the layout to construct 83 temporary shelters for Musali IDPs in Kowwankulam, Umanakery GND, Nanaddan, Mannar
- 21 November, IOM under the ECHO funded emergency response programme completed construction of 80 emergency shelters for Musali IDPs staying in Nanaddan Division.
- IOM began construction of 125 emergency shelters in the Illupaikadawai village and 75 shelters in Kalliyadi.
- CARE International is in the process of constructing 100 temporary shelters for new IDPs in Thevanpity in Manthai West area, following site identification completed on 14 November.
- 17 November, CARE International conducted a social mobilisation training for 30 members of CBOs in Alahapuri, Cheddikulam DS in Vavuniya.
- The construction of 43 transitional shelters at the Thampanikulam relocation site in Mannar by UNHCR's and Sewa Lanka Foundation's (SLF) is in progress.
- 21 November, ZOA completed the construction of 10 temporary shelters for IDPs in Koorai and provided temporary shelter materials to five recent IDPs dispersed in Mannar DS.

Water and Sanitation

- 20 November, UNICEF and IOM completed the construction of 245 permanent toilets for refugee returnees and host communities and construction of another 105 toilets is in progress in Mannar and Nanaddan division.
- World Vision continues to supply drinking water to 1,500 families staying in Paliyaru, Thevanpitty and Vellankulam in Manthai West.
- 20 November, UNICEF and IOM completed the construction of 59 rain water harvesting tanks (RWH) for schools, common building and host communities houses in Mannar and Vavuniya. The construction of 39 tanks are in progress in Mannar district.
- 19 November, UNICEF and IOM completed the construction of 12 drinking water wells and 1 agro well. The construction of another 18 drinking water wells and 3 agro wells is in progress in Mannar.
- 20 November, UNICEF and IOM completed the construction of 174 toilets for 174 refugee returnees and host community families and another 53 toilets are under construction in Cheddikulam division.
- 19 November, UNICEF and IOM completed the construction of ten drinking water wells, 13 tube wells and 1 agro well and handed them over to community based societies. The construction of another five drinking water wells and 3 agro wells is in progress in the Vavuniya district.
- 21 November, ZOA completed the renovation of one well in Kalliyady to improve IDP access to water. . The construction of seven permanent toilets for IDPs staying with host families in Keeri, Mannar DS was also completed.

Food

- 15-21 November, WFP transported 24.824 MT of rice, 14.854 MT of wheat flour, 5.751 MT of dhal, 4.266 MT of sugar, 0.944 MT of vegetable oil, 3.575 MT of Corn Soya Blend (CSB) to the Mannar district and 6.206 MT of rice, 0.624 MT of wheat flour, 0.529 MT of dhal, 0.475 MT of sugar, 0.748 MT of vegetable oil and 2.87 MT of CSB to Vavuniya district for its IDP dry ration distribution.
- 15-21 November, World Vision distributed supplementary food (baby chickens, beans, sugar, tea leaves and tin fish) to 1,870 Musali and Manthai West IDP families staying in Mulankavil, Vellankulam, Paliyaru and Thevanpitty in Manthai West.

NFRI

- 15 November, CARE International distributed NFRI packs (sunlight laundry soap - 5, family mosquito net - 1, bath soap - 5, sanitary napkin (packs)-2, plastic mats-2, bed sheets-2, galvanize buckets(5 liter capacity) -1, backpacks-1, plastic sheeting 10 meters, plastic file A4 size (water proof seal type to keep civil documents)-1, towel - 1, baby mosquito net - 1) to 298 IDP families staying in Periyamadhu and Eechalawakai in Manthai West DS Division.

- 19 November, SCiSL under the ECHO program distributed NFRI (tumbler, plate, soap, tarpaulin, mug, plastic basin, spoon, mosquito nets, hurricane lamp, and box of matches) to 61 IDP families staying in Thandikulam and Srinagar in Vavuniya DS.
- 19 November, SCiSL under the ECHO program distributed two sets of cloth material to 38 displaced children staying in Thandikulam and Srinagar in Vavuniya DS.

Protection

- 15 November, UNHCR and the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) conducted a Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) prevention and awareness raising session at IDP sites in Nanaddan DS.

Livelihood

- 20 November, CARE International under the livelihood assistance programme distributed 50 baby chickens each to 2 families and 3 each goats to 8 beneficiaries families in Annanagar, Vavuniya South DS.
- IOM under the AUS AID funded sustainable return and reintegration of refugee returnees from India Project constructed a modern fish market in Mannar town with the Department of Fisheries to enhance the marketing facilities of sea food. 50% of the constructions are complete.

Health

- 9-19 November, CARE International organized four health awareness programs through public health inspectors (PHI) at its project villages in Andiyapuliyankulam, Valavaiththakulam, Puthukkulam and Nedunkulam in Vavuniya 187 participants.

Agriculture and Food Security

- 12-15 November, FAO with Sewa Lanka Foundation distributed green gram and fertilizer to 25 resettled and relocated families in the Manipuram village and one month old chickens birds per family) to 40 resettled and relocated families in Sumathipura, Maliyaparthikulama and Aluthwatha villages in Vavuniya.
- 15 November, World Vision under the Cheddikulam Water and Livelihood project distributed one month old chickens to nine selected beneficiaries (25 chicks for each family) from 3 villages in Cheddikulam DS.
- 14-15 November, FAO with FORUT distributed home garden seeds and fertilizer to 16 relocated vulnerable households at Kalnattinakulam village. FORUT also distributed protein rich food grains (ground nut, cowpea, green gram) and fertilizer to 47 relocated vulnerable households in the Kalnattinakulam and Kanthasaminagar villages in Vavuniya and Cheddikulam DS.
- 20 November, World Vision organized with the support of the Animal Production & Health Department the second animal husbandry training program for 51 beneficiaries from Cheddikulam.
- 16-20 November, FAO with the Department of Animal Production and Health Mannar, through the Rural Development Foundation conducted three poultry training programmes for 100 IDP and vulnerable households in Nanaddan and Mannar DS.
- 20 November, FAO with the Department of Agriculture (Ext) Mannar conducted a training programme and distributed sharp edge spades to 36 IDPs, resettled and vulnerable farmer households in Salamban village in Nanaddan DS division.
- 20 November, FAO through implementing partner the Rural Development Foundation (RDF) distributed quality backyard poultry chicks to 73 IDP and vulnerable households in Oolaitthoduvai and 5th Mile post village Mannar.
- 15-21 November, ZOA under the food security program of one acre paddy cultivation assistance to Musali IDPs, distributed seed paddy to 82 farmers as the first input and distributed fertilizer (urea and TSP) to 93 farmers in Nanaddan DS.
- 15-21 November, ZOA distributed a home garden package consisting of seven varieties of 24 plants and two types of seed to 34 families and one month old chicks to 99 families in Koorai, Mannar.

Psycho-social

- 14 and 15 November, ZOA and Familian conducted a two-day psycho-social seminar for 23 school principals working in the Madhu Zone.
- 15-21 November, ZOA and Familian counselors conducted 163 family visits, attended to 34 sick persons and conducted 13 group activities for widows in Athimodda and Koorai, Mannar.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Situation update

- The situation in Trincomalee remains tense, with intensive search of vehicles at all checkpoints.

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to UNHCR/Government Authorities, the number of IDPs in Kiliveddi, Paddithidal / Peruveli totals; 1,125 families(3,763 persons) as of 17 November .

Sector Response

Food

- 12 MT of high-nutrient Corn Soya Blend was dispatched to three MOH divisions; Trincomalee, Gomarankadawala and Morawewa, under WFP's Mother and Child Nutrition programme, to assist 9,944 pregnant/nursing mothers and children under the age of five. As part of this programme, 5 MT of mixed food commodities were also dispatched to MOH Thampalakamam & Kinniya for distribution to 85 Health Volunteers.
- 24 MT of mixed food commodities was sent to 33 schools in the district to support 7,141 students through WFP's School Feeding programme.
- 5 MT of WFP food items were dispatched to Thampalakamam and Town & Gravets divisions for distribution to 158 IDP families (491 persons) a one month's rations. In addition, WFP food items were distributed to beneficiaries in Kuchchaveli. Food distribution for nearly 10,000 people in Eachchilampattai was interrupted for several days this week following increased search operations.
- 22 MT of WFP mixed food commodities were dispatched to five divisional secretariats for distribution to 922 food-for-work participants.
- 21 and 22 November, UNHCR provided kerosene stoves and jerry cans to IDP families in Kiliveddy and Paddithidal IDP Transit Sites. Kerosene (5 liters/family/week) will be distributed through end of January to these families by Multi Purpose Cooperative Societies (MPCS) on 23 November with UNHCR funding.
- 20 November, the Danish Refugee Council distributed supplementary food and NFRI items sufficient for two weeks to 558 families from the Sooranagar village, Anaitheevu GN division and Poonagar GN division in Eachchilampattai.

Shelter

- Out of the committed 245 semi-permanent shelters, IOM has completed 85 shelters in Valathottam (Anaitheevu GN Division), Kallady (Verugal Mugathuvaram GN Division) and Ilankaithurai (Ilankaithurai GN Division) during the reporting period.
- IOM provided or replaced damaged electrical items including bulbs, switches and shades at the Kiliveddy Transit Sites (Plots A, B, C/F and E, Paddithidal & Peruveli).
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed the construction of 188 core shelters in Karukamunai GN division and provided material for a further 24 units which are under construction. Additionally, materials for the repair of 24 partly damaged houses were distributed to the beneficiaries.
- At the weekly shelter meeting of UNHCR on 21 November, some shelter agencies raised concern that they may face delays in completing their projects as a result of the current security situation in Eachchilampattai and that many young men who previously worked at project sites have now left.
- Community Trust Fund (CTF) reports that they have completed 26 shelters for long term IDPs in Namalwatta, Morawewa DS division and issued construction materials for the construction of 17 shelters.

Water and Sanitation

- 20 November, a Wat/San emergency coordination meeting was held, with the main issue discussed the security situation in Echchilampattai that has resulted in a temporary suspension of ZOA's water trucking. There is concern that the lack of water supply could lead to serious health related issues. On a positive note, gully suckers used for IDPs sites in Muthur are now working and a new site has been selected in Seruvila for dumping.
- UNICEF and OCHA have strongly urged organizations to send their planning activities for 2008 together with the 3W (Who does What and Where) format.

Education

- UNICEF completed one additional school based management training for 2 schools in Muthur Zone, along with training for 1 school in the Trincomalee Zone. Training was also held on essential learning competency for teachers and parents in 2 schools in Kantalai Zone. Child Centre methodology training was conducted by UNICEF in the Muthur Zone for 11 school primary teachers.
- The Provincial Department of Education conducted the country wide grade 9 common examination from the 19-23 November, including the newly resettled and displacement areas. There are no reports of children not being able to sit for their exams.
- Due to recent incidents in Eachchilampattai, some parents have started sending their children back to Batticaloa. UNICEF is working with implementing partners for verification of figures, which will be shared in the next IASC situation report.

Health

- As of last week IOM had conducted 16 Hygiene Promotion Workshops for returnees at Valathottam (Anaitheevu GN Division) & Kallady (Verugal GN Division).

NFRI

- 16 & 20 November, SCiSL distributed educational packs to 826 school children at the Kiliveddy and Paddithidal transit sites, based upon individual requests from the children.

Protection

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) Care and Maintenance training team this week held a Mine Awareness Training for the staff of World Vision.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

Situation Update

- The security situation remains stable but is tense with the presence of armed groups.
- 20 and 21 November, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) visited Batticaloa and met with the GA, UN agencies, INGOs. SIDA also visited resettlement areas (Vellavelly) and the IDP/returnee registration centre in Chenkalady. The mission discussed the overall humanitarian situation, needs in resettlement areas, agency participation in the Common Humanitarian Action plan (CHAP) and the implementation of The Guiding Principles for Humanitarian and Development Assistance in Sri Lanka.

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to Government statistics as of 20 November 2007, the total registered IDP population in the District was 8,409 families (31,544 individuals).
- Resettlement to areas in Chenkalady DS division started on 20 November and is expected to continue through 23 November. An estimated 2,222 families (not the 4,000 reported last week) are planned to be resettled during this period. (Statistics on the resettled IDPs for 20-21 November is not yet available at Kachcheri).

- As a result of returns, camp consolidation is expected in Chenkalady DS Division, where a number of IDP camps. Related to previous camp consolidation efforts, the Government together with humanitarian agencies will hold discussions with IDPs on the benefits of camp consolidation (improving the efficiency of delivery of services and assistance to IDPs while preserving resources for use in return areas). No IDPs will be forced to relocate. Shelter and other humanitarian agencies are currently in discussion with local Government officials and IDPs themselves about the proposed sites for longer-term occupancy.

Shelter

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is undertaking a shelter needs assessment in Koduvamadu in Chenkalady division and is also providing temporary shelters for returned families in Pankudaveli.
- At Mahilavedduwan in Vavunatheevu division, IOM completed the construction of 60 shelters, with an additional 167 shelters under construction. In Naripulhottam, IOM completed the construction of 31 shelters, with an additional 30 in progress. More shelter kits (timber and tin sheets) were in the process of being delivered for onward distribution.
- UNHCR/UNOPS distributed 30 emergency shelter kits in Karadiyanaru GN division. The assessment for shelter needs in this GN division is ongoing.
- As of 21 November, ICRC distributed tarpaulin sheets for while transitional shelters are being arranged in Chenkalady west return locations.
- Shelter actors have divided areas of responsibilities to cover shelter needs in Chenkalady return locations as follows in specified GNs: The ICRC (Kithulwewa, Rugam, Kopavelly, Periyapullumalai); NRC (Marapalam, Koduvamadu, Pankudaveli); IOM, (Irralakulam, Mylavaddavan); UNHCR/UNOPs (Karadiyanaru); ZOA (Veppaveddavan).

Water and Sanitation

- A WASH coordination meeting was held on 21 November; various issues discussed include care and maintenance arrangements in camps and the administrative procedures for toilet approval. International Relief and Development (IRD) also did a presentation on the rotating bio-compactor (RBC) septage station that is to be implemented in Arayampathy division with UNICEF funds.
- At, IOM is constructing 50 and 15 permanent toilets respectively, in Panichchankerny in Vaharai division and Mankerny.
- arche noVa flushed (washed out) 6 tube wells for on site water systems at Saththurukondan, Kokkuvil II and Mananthoduwai in Manmunai North (MN) division.
- 48 pillars for tube wells and 21 aprons (to assist in drainage) were constructed by arche noVa at Thiraimadu in MN division.
- 17 November, arche noVa handed over 115 tube wells to beneficiaries in the Thiraimadu housing scheme.
- arche noVa facilitated the cleaning of bathing areas, camp cleaning and soak pit cleaning at Palameenmadu II in MN division and Kurukkalmadam in Kaluwanchikudy division with the participation of IDPs.
- arche noVa conducted a health session on the spreading of diarrhea for 28 IDPs of the Zahira School camp and also conducted session on disease spreading for 11 elderly persons at Kokkuvil 3 camp in MN division.
- Oxfam GB built four temporary toilets at the Chenkalady School ground (transit site) to support returning IDPs.
- OXFAM GB, arche noVa/ UNICEF, IOM and the ICRC bowsered 621,500 liters of water per day last week at sites in the district.

NFRI

- SCiSL distributed 110 plastic tarpaulins to 11 welfare centers and 5 host villages in MN division during the week.
- 20 November, SCiSL distributed clothing to 670 children in Palugamam of Vellavelly division.

Protection

- UNHCR and its protection partners continue to monitor IDP sites and returnee areas within the district, and continue to advocate for the protection of IDPs and returnees. During the reporting period, protection actors made interventions with the police and civil administration to ensure the safety and security of IDP sites, and with the

civil administration to ensure the continued registration and receipt of assistance by IDPs. The issue of IDP registration is of particular importance for those IDP families that have returned to displacement sites in Batticaloa district from Trincomalee district. Without IDP registration, these IDPs are not eligible for assistance, including food assistance.

- UNHCR and its protection partners continue to accompany the resettlement process in order to ensure that the protection and assistance needs of IDPs are met, especially during pre-movement, movement and initial integration phases.
- 15 November, arche noVa began wiring the Kokkuvil 3 IDP camp for electricity and installed lighting for the camp kitchens.
- 15, 17 & 18 November, SCiSL conducted an awareness session for 260 children and 189 parents on child care, the importance of education, health care, child participation, child rights, child abuse and child protection at the Food Ware House, Saththurukondan-II & III, Navatkerny, Palameenmadu-I & II IDP camps in MN division.
- 17 November, SCiSL conducted awareness drama on Disaster Risk Reduction for 326 children and parents of Palameenmadu-I & II.
- 15 November, SCiSL held a discussion on child protection with 30 parents at Palugamam in Vellavelly division with the support of partner organization Poraithivu Patru Pradesha Development and Rehabilitation Organization (PPDRO).
- 16 and 17 November, SCiSL conducted an awareness session on Child Rights and Child Protection for 45 children and 30 children of 6 villages in Kakkachchivettai, Vellavelly through its partner organization PPDRO.
- 20 November, IOM in coordination with the local NGO Kavia, conducted a workshop on “Govt. Policy and Legal Entitlement” for 115 persons at Puchchakerny tsunami camp in Vaharai division and Thiraimadu camp in MN division. The resource persons were from the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and the Disaster Relief Management Unit (DRMU).
- 17 November, World Vision conducted a Child Rights Awareness program for 24 GNs and Samurdhi development Officers in Vaharai division.
- The NRC Camp Management Training team followed up on Camp Management Training at 12 IDP sites in MN and Kaluwanchikudy divisions.
- On 20 November, World Vision conducted a training programme on understanding children, their needs and behavior for 20 volunteers in the Vaharai division.

Psycho-social

- 19 and 20 November, SCiSL provided psycho-social training in coordination with partner organization PPDRO to 64 facilitators of children’s clubs in 32 villages in Vellavelly.
- 19 November, World Vision conducted a street drama on alcohol abuse in Palaacholai IDP camp in Chenkalady for 192 parents and children.
- World Vision conducted nine programmes on personality development for 133 school drop-outs in Kattumurivu, Vammivedduvan, Thaddumunai and Paalchenai in Vaharai division.

Education

- SCiSL is conducting special coaching and catch up classes for 6,500 ordinary level (G.C.E O/L) children in the Batticaloa and Paddiruppu educational zones in coordination with the Department of Education.
- 14 and 15 November, SCiSL distributed 94 bicycles to children of 3 schools in Vellavelly division.
- 14-19 November, SCiSL distributed 800 pairs of shoes and 1,600 pairs of socks to children of five schools in Vellavelly division.

Health & Nutrition

- 20 November, a Health and Nutrition coordination meeting was held at UNICEF. One of the issues discussed was improving the health and nutrition facilities at recently resettled communities at A5 road (Chenkalady division); such as upgrading Karadiyanaru hospital and strengthen preventive health care system in these areas. One of the requests made by the Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) was to provide Long Lasting Insect Net (LLIN) and a mosquito controlling mechanism at these villages.

- Under the prevention and control viral hepatitis programme, the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Sarvodaya and Oxfam GB jointly handed over 46 water filters to the schools in Vavunatheevu division on 15 November. Under the same programme, dramas on the subject are being conducted at 30 villages in Vavunatheevu division.
- 15 November, The Community Resource Development Organization (CRDO) and Oxfam GB jointly handed over 54 water filters to the schools, DS office and other institutes in Paddipalai division.
- 12-16 and 19-20 November, Merlin continued to conduct mobile medical clinics with 2 teams in resettled communities in Vaharai, IDP camps in MN and West of Batticaloa; 971 cases were attended to.
- Merlin trained 24 community based volunteers in Paddipalai MOH resettled area in West of Batticaloa on 5 core messages, communicable diseases and its control (conjunctivitis, diarrhea, chickenpox, mosquito born diseases etc)
- Merlin is continuing health and hygiene activities at five camps in the district, covering 3,659 IDPs.
- The UNICEF-supported Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme (NRP) is progressing well at all resettled areas (Vaharai, Vellavelly, Paddipalai and Vavunatheevu divisions). When the programme started, 203 severely acute malnourished children were identified, with only 33 children still in the program. 170 severely acute malnourished children were discharged from the program with their sufficient weight gain.

Livelihood

- FAO is distributing agricultural inputs for highland cultivation to 800 families who were resettled in Chenkalady (Koduvamadu, Pankudaveli, Karadinaru GNs) in late October. Out of the 1,200 families identified by the Department of Agriculture, FAO selected 800 farmers. Gaps in livestock and the limited fishing opportunities remain for remaining families.
- 16 November, 68 beneficiaries received highland crop seeds from Oxfam GB/ NERTRA in Silikodiyaru, Panaiyaruppan, Kurunthaiyadimummari in Vavunatheevu division.
- World Vision distributed seed paddy to 1,123 families in Paddipalai, 101 families in Vaharai, 425 families in Vavunatheevu and 767 families in Vellavelly divisions.
- 19 November, the Japanese Emergency NGOs (JEN) started a fish net mending vocational training at five Fisherman Cooperative Societies (FCS) namely, Panichchankeny (Sallimunai), Vaharai central, Vaharai South, Vaharai 05 and Puliyanandalady in Vaharai division. It will continue until 15 January 2008 (8 weeks) for 40 beneficiaries selected by FCS.
- 21 November, JEN organized a one-day awareness workshop at the Panichchankerny (Sallimunai) Fisherman Cooperative Society, targeting 53 members of the society.

AMPARA DISTRICT

Situation update

- Armed groups continue to operate in the district. Harassments, intimidation of civilians and extortions continue.
- UN and INGOs do not have access to the Kanchikudicharu areas in Thirukkivil as military operations continue.
- The UN engaged in awareness raising upon the Guiding Humanitarian Principles for Development Assistance with beneficiaries, INGOs and the military forces.

Internally Displaced Persons

- UNHCR reports that, as of 20 November 2007 there are 1,517 families (5,605 individuals) displaced in the district.
- The majority of the IDPs are living with friends and relatives and in certain instances in tsunami transitional shelters. The remaining IDPs are those who are unable to return to their places of origin mainly in Trincomalee and Batticaloa either because their places of origin have not been included in government resettlement programmes or their land remain within newly created high security zones (HSZ).
- There are also instances where some of the IDP's are unwilling to return to their places of origin due to security concerns. Reliable sources including the GA indicate that the remaining IDPs will not be able return

to their places of origin in the near future. A few IDPs in Ampara remain from out of the district whilst the majority of displaced are from within Thirukkivil division

- The IDPs needs for assistance vary between shelter, food, water and sanitation and livelihood. Also, host family coping mechanisms are being strained; as a result of lack of employment, limited infrastructure and high levels of poverty in host communities. IDPs who are accommodated in transitional tsunami camps are the most vulnerable.

Sector Response

Shelter

- IOM completed the construction of eight relocation shelters and upgraded 17 relocation shelters for tsunami beneficiaries in Kalmunai DS Division.
- ZOA is constructing 60 semi-permanent shelters in Sinentotam (Thirrukovil IV) for IDP families from Kangikudicharou and Thankavelauthapuram (TVP), where IDPs are unlikely to be able to return to the area of origin in the near future.
- ZOA completed the construction of 34 permanent houses in Pallakuda (Thirrukovil division) and 38 permanent houses in Annamalei II and Central Camp IV (Navithenveli division). In total 161 permanent houses for conflict and tsunami-affected populations are currently being completed (due date end December).

Food

- ZOA undertook a nutrition survey with the MOH for children during October at 45 pre-schools of 4 divisions. The survey included 1,236 children and the outcome indicated a need for ZOA to continue its supplementary food project to 33 pre-schools in four divisions.

Water and Sanitation

- CARE assisted 30 beneficiaries in the construction of toilets with cash grants and delivered the 1st installment for 11 tsunami-affected persons in Akkaraipattu to construct wells and improve their access to proper Wat/San facilities.
- CARE provided cash grants to 14 vulnerable beneficiaries in Sammanthurai DS division to construct toilets.
- CARE provided cash grants to 232 selected beneficiaries in Navithanveli DS to complete toilet constructions.
- CARE completed the renovation of two wells in Puliampattai village in Alayadivembu DS.
- IOM upgraded six wells at a relocation site in Karaitive DS, constructed two new toilets at a relocation site in Thirukkivil DS, and constructed one bathing place at Hanifa camp, Kalmunai Kudi, and a drainage and soak away pit at MFCDC camp in Maruthamuani.
- ZOA completed the construction of 18 wells in Mahassati village in Allayedivembu division. 110 latrines in Kanakipuram (Allayedivembu division), 6 wells in Pallakuda for IDPs and 4 common wells in Navithenveli were also constructed by ZOA.
- ZOA conducted a hygiene promotion session in Kanakipuram (Allayedivembu division) for 60 persons.
- ZOA commenced a 400 meter length drainage way in Islamabad street (Kalmunai Muslim division) including channel repair together with local CBOs.

Protection

- IOM conducted four community workshops on living harmoniously at the Sithy Abitha Camp in Sainthamaruthu DS, and Ansar Mohmadiya camp, Masura Camp, and Jiffy Camp in Kalmunai DS on 19 and 20 November.
- 14 November, SCiSL met the DS of Kalmunai Tamil Division at Kalmunai Tamil Divisional Secretariat to introduce a project aimed at reintegrating school drop-outs into the educational system.
- 15 November, SCiSL had a meeting with the Commissioner of Probation Department at DS office Ninthavur and briefed on the Child Reunification Project to Home Managers and Probation Officers.
- 16 November, SCiSL conducted an activity workshop for 20 children of SEEDS children's clubs in Palamunai, Addalachenai DS to identify problems they faced.
- 19 November, SCiSL arranged a workshop on the impact and implication of domestic violence and early marriage for 39 parents at Thiravanthiyamed in Kalmunai Tamil DS.

Psycho-social

- 16 November, SCiSL arranged a workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction for 20 persons of the Disaster Management Committee (DMC) of Kalmunai at Christa Home, Kalmunai. Kalmunai Tamil Division.
- 16 November, SCiSL selected 15 children in Ninathavur for catch up education classes after they had drop out from school in the aftermath of the tsunami.
- 16 November, SCiSL handed over a permanent pre-school building to the Pandiruppu community in Kalmunai Tamil DS.
- ZOA continues its activities for tsunami and conflict-affected populations in six divisions of the district with individual and group counseling, training of counselors and exchange visits between divisions.
- ZOA conducted a confidence building (peace building) cultural exchange programme with Tamil, Muslim and Singhalese children uniting 300 children of 4 divisions (Kalmunai Muslim and Tamil, Navithenvelei, Allayedivembu and Thirrukovil).
- ZOA did an integration programme in Allayedivembu with SESSO for 3 villages with a cultural exchange between Muslim, Tamil and Singhalese communities of 4 divisions.
- ZOA is financially supporting the DS of Thirrukovil to conduct mobile services to promote access to legal documentation for the population.
- ZOON is constructing a community multi-purpose center in Perinilavane (Kalmunai) due to be completed by December 2007.
- ZOA conducted two workshops for 5 Community Based Organisations (CBOs) in Kalmunai Tamil and Muslim and Navithanveli divisions on non-violent peace talks.

Education

- 18 November, SCiSL conducted a cultural event with the collaboration of SWOD and HESO at Allayadyvembu cultural hall for 300 children.
- 18 November, SCiSL gave 3,000 Rupees to the Himidurawa pre-school for income generation purposes.
- 21 November, SCiSL supplied library and laboratory furniture to the Shakthi Vidiyalayam School in Vinayagapuram. This will benefit 800 students.
- 16 November, SCiSL distributed support items such as plastic buckets, dust bins, lunch boxes, and building blocks etc to 20 pre-schools where IDP children study in Kalmunai, Thirrukovil and Alayadivemu DS. 175 children will benefit.
- 17 November, SCiSL conducted a workshop on Convention on the Rights of Child (CRC) and Child Participation Policy (CPP) for 14 pre-school teachers from 20 pre-schools in Kalmunai Tamil, Thirrukovil and Alayadivembu DS Divisions.
- ZOA catch up classes are on going for school drop-outs of 4 divisions and 10 children rejoined their schools in Kanakipuram this week. ZOA is also extending the catch up classes to areas in Kalmunai and Thirrukovil for vulnerable students.

Livelihood

- ZOA contributed funds to the Tirrukovil Science & Technology Exhibition in Thirrukovil supporting the DS initiative.
- ZOA is re-constructing a 900 meter road to benefit a tsunami-affected fishing community in Periyaneelavane (Kalmunai Tamil division).

Health

- 20 November, IOM distributed eight incinerators (solid waste management equipment) to IDP camps in Kalmunai Muslim & Tamil and Karaitivu DS.
- ZOA completed a dengue fever awareness campaign with the Public Health Inspector and MOH in Allayedivembou division.
- ZOA has completed the 3rd stage training of community health training representing 80 youth mobilizers for 4 divisions in the district

Agriculture and Food Security Sector

- ZOA is distributing home gardening seeds to 4,040 families in Kalmunai (Tamil & Muslim), Sammanthurai, Navithanveli (central camp), Alayadivembu and Thirukkivil divisions. The distribution is taking place with the agriculture department.
- In Kalmunai Tamil area, ZOA provided 400 mango trees to vulnerable tsunami-affected families.