



TRO SITUATION REPORT

From

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Time period covered:
01 August 2007 – 15 August 2007

Districts: Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Jaffna, Mannar & Vavuniya

OVER ALL SITUATION

- On 13th August 2007 Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF) Kfir fast attack aircraft bombed the Maruthodai GTMS School, IDP shelters, and a rice mill in the Nedunkerny area. One School girl was killed and the two others wounded, currently all school children are taking their A/L examinations.
- There has been continuous, heavy multi barrel artillery shelling at the border areas of Semamadhu, Palamoddai, Muhamallai, Vadamarachchi East, Puliyankulam, Mannar Adampan division, and Manalaru areas in Vanni.
- Nine civilians were killed by SL Army and its Paramilitary in Jaffna over the past 2 weeks.
- A ceremony was held to honour the memory of the 17 Action Centre La Faim (ACF) humanitarian workers who were killed by SL Army (SLA) in Muttur on 04.08.2006
- On 06 August 2007 a Kfir fast attack aircraft bombed Ponegary in the Kilinochchi District.
- Zonal & National level preschool children and parents two day exhibition program was conducted by PSEDC in Kilinochchi.
- On 14 August 2007 a woman was wounded in Vavuniya North due to SLAF MI 24 helicopter attack
- There has been an acute shortage of safe drinking water due to the failure of the monsoon rains in the Vanni District
- A memorial was held for the 53 School Girls and 3 staff members killed in Senchulai by the SL Air Force (SLAF) in Vanni on 14 August 2006.



Bombing damage



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Pre School Exhibition



School Girls Killed by SLAF



- GA Mullaitivu conducted a meeting for to coordinate the resettlement of Alampil IDPs in a safer area in Mullaitivu.
- 274 Families displaced from Alampil due to SLAF air strikes and SL Navy (SLN) shelling from offshore.
- Two Fishermen were wounded due to SLN attack in the sea off Uduthurai while they were fishing.
- All school students in Vanni conducted a boycott to protest the killing of two students by SL Army and paramilitary in the Jaffna peninsula.
- Human bones were found in a damaged well in Rathnapuram, Kilinochchi. The person was estimated to have died 10 years ago when the area was under the control of the SLA.
- The Madhu Church festival held from 06 August 2007 to 15 August 2007. The number of pilgrims attending the festival was down significantly due to the fact that the SL Army prevented them from crossing the checkpoint at Madhu Road according to the sources in Madhu church.
- Food and fuel prices are increasing in the Vanni Region making it very difficult for most persons who can not now afford to meet their basic daily needs. Prices of essential food items and fuel:

Table 1

Item	Qty	Colombo Price (Rupees)	Vanni Price (Rupees)	% difference
Petrol	01 litre	117	850	626%
Diesel	01 litre	76	250	229%
Kerosene	01 litre	69	120	74%
Anchor	01 kg	460	695	51%
Lactogen	01 box	210	210	0%
SMA	01 tin	-	580	
Lakspray	01 packet	180	190	6%
Nestomalt	01 tin	184	225	22%
Bread	01 350g loaf	28	28	0%
Coconut oil	01 litre	110	180	64%
Cement	01 packet	650	5000	669%
Baby clone	10 ml	90	195	117%

MULLAITIVU DISTRICT

This District includes Thunukkai, Puthukudiyiruppu, Oddusuddan, and Maratinpattu Project divisions. These divisions consist of Coastal and Agriculture villages which have been negatively affected by the prolonged war and the Tsunami in 2004. The most affected village in the District is Kallapadu. On 10th and 11th August 2007 civilians displaced once again from Kallapadu due to SL Navy attack.

The majority of the people of Mullaitivu District are engaged in fishing, cultivation, animal husbandry and business as their livelihood. These livelihoods are severely impacted by SLAF air strikes, navel attacks and the closure of the A9 road at Omanthai. The population has also increased due to the arrival of displaced people from East, Mannar, Vavuniya and Jaffna Peninsula as shown in Table 2 below.



Currently, attacks by the SL Armed Forces have been increasing and students' education has suffered due to interruptions of examinations due to attacks on schools.

TRO provides relief for IDPs and conducts development work through its partner organizations in the following areas:

- Thunukkai PTRO, PTDO
- Oddusuddan MRRO, MKDO
- Puthukkudiyiruppu TRRO, NEDRO, SEDO
- Maratinpattu MWPS
- Manthai East PTDO, SDO

IDPs Details in Mullaitivu

Table 2

No	Details	Families	Individuals
01	Permanent population	26,638	104,912
02	Displaced population		
	IDPs 1990	14,599	66,694
	January 2006 to July 2006	4,144	18,528
	11.08.2006 to 31.12.2006	1,974	6,709
	01.01.2007 to 16.03.2007	5,041	18,116
	17.03.2007 to 27.03.2007	221	686
	29.03.2007 to 12.04.2007	467	1,847
	16.04.2007 to 02.05.2007	414	1,694
	03.05.2007 to 10.05.2007	353	1,355
	28.05.2007 to 13.06.2007	89	353
	25.06.2007 to 30.06.2007	128	382
	Total	27,665	117,104
03	Internal IDPs	1,835	7,144
	Out side District IDPs	25,830	109,960
		27,665	117,104
	Total population		
	Permanent	26,638	104,912
	IDPs	27,665	117,104
	Total	54,303	222,016

TRO has been leading the relief work for the IDPs with its local partners, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), UN Organizations, and local and international NGOs during the last two weeks. Details are given below.

Non food Relief Items (NFRI)

- TRO through MPWS distributed dry food for 274 families who were displaced from Alampil Village
- TRO provided Clothes and NFRI for 07 IDP families who were displaced from Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Jaffna to Mullaitivu.



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Table 3

Implementing Organization	Division	Funding / Supporting Organization	House	Progress
TRO Mullai	Mallavi	TRO	100	20%
SEDO	Vallipanam, Udaiyarkaddu, Visuvamadu, Parathypuram, Manikkapuram	ICRC, OXFAM, FORUT, UNHCR	164	80%
MRRO	Mulliyavalai North, Ponnagar, Neeravipiddy, Mamulai, Keppappulavu	OXFAM	74	65%
TRRO Mullai	Puthukkudiyiruppiu	OXFAM, FORUT, JRS, ICRC	429	90%
NEDRO Mullai	Ampalavanpokkanai, Mathalan, Panaiyady, Manthuvil, Valaignarmadam	CARE	220	90%
SDO	Palinagar, Sivapuram	OXFAM	44	50%
PTRO	Koddaikaddy, Amaithypuram Kalvilan, Thirunagar, Mallaiv Alankulam, Ampalapperumal, Palaiyamurikandy	FORUT, OXFAM	137	55%
MKDO	Olumadu, Pulumichchinathankulam, Panikkankulam, Indupuram	ECHO, OXFAM, ZOA	58	60%
PTDO	Yogapuram, Anichchankulam, Parathynagar, Yogapuram East-West	FORUT	47	45%

Social welfare project

- TRO through MRRO paid cash payment for funeral at Koolamurippu in Mullaitivu.
- TRRO distributed Cadjans and Jungle timers for 09 families who were affected by mini cyclone at Kaiveli in Mullaitivu

Drinking Water supply

- TRO through PTRO supplied drinking water for IDPs welfare centre in Iyankankulam.
- PTDO supplied drinking water to the Nutrition Centre supported with AGA Thunukkai.

KILINOCHCHI DISTRICT

The district consists of Poonagary, Karachchi and Kandavalai project divisions. Livelihoods in the Kilinochchi District include farming, fishing, small business and Government sector employment. However there have been fears of SLAF air strikes and the situation is tense.

The Poonagary division has been affected by war numerous times over the past 25 years. Civilians have been displaced to other divisions in Kilinochchi district due to recent shelling and bombing attacks by the SLA and SLAF. These attacks and the closure of the A9 highway have hampered the transportation of farm products / outputs via the A9 highway to the South and East. There have been a number of local organizations that TRO has partnered with to provide relief for IDPs and other vulnerable groups and persons in the villages. They are:

- Poonagary PDRO, PMDO, KPDO
- Karachchi KDRRO, KERO, NEDRO, ADO, RRDO
- Kandavalai KNDO



IDPs Details of Kilinochchi District

Table 4

No	AGA Division	No of Families	Individual
01	Karachchi	3,273	11,851
02	Kandavalai	2,989	10,802
03	Poonakary	2,790	10,596
04	Maruthankerny	1,753	6,923
	Total	10,805	40,172

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Implementing Organization	Division	Funding / Supporting Organization	Houses	Progress
NEDRO Kili	Maruthanagar, Selvanagar; Ampalkulam	ZOA	117	65%
KDRRO	Radnapuram, Kirusnapuram;	OXFAM, DRC, FORUT	79	65%
KPDO	Nachchikuda, Nagapaduvan	ZOA, FORUT	64	55%
TRRO Kili	Periyaparanthan, Uruthirapuram North	DRC, ZOA	87	90%
PDRO	Sekkalai, Mudkompan	DRC, OXFAM	234	60%
KERO	Santhapuram, Ramanathapuram, Pannankandy	OXFAM, CARE, FORUT	200	60%
PMDO	Mulankavil, Thikkuvil	OXFAM, DRC, FORUT	178	60%
ADO	Mudkompan, Akkarajan	OXFAM	53	45%

Education Activities

- REERDO through TRRO distributed equipment for 71 IDP school children at Uruthirapuram in Kilinochchi

Social Welfare project

- TRO through KDRRO provided NFRI for two families at Parthypuram East in Kilinochchi.
- TRO through KDRRO provided material for temporary shelter to a vulnerable family at Thirunagar village in Kilinochchi.
- TRO through KDRRO provided medical payment for a patient in Kilinochchi.
- TRO through PMDO provided NFRI for a family at Jeyapuram in Kilinochchi.
- TRO through PMDO provided cadjans for a family at Veravil village in Poonagary division.
- TRO through KDRRO provided dry food item for a family at Krisnapuram in Karachchi Division.

Nutrition

- NEDRO provided nutrition goods for Kuma Nutrition Centre in Kilinochchi.



Drinking water supply

- TRO through PMDO distributed drinking water to Elavur, Valaippadu, Palavi and Periyadipadu in Kilinochchi District.

Preschool activities

- PDRO in partnership with World Vision distributed Milk Food Packets and Hygiene packets for 80 children in Uthaya Pre School.
- TRO- PSEDC conducted exhibition of Preschools which are functioning in the district

JAFFNA DISTRICT

Jaffna peninsula consists of the islands and the four divisions of Valikaamam, Thenmaradchchi, Vadamarachchi and Vadamarachchi East. The islands and the first three divisions have been administered by the Sri Lanka Armed Forces for the past 12 years. These areas face numerous difficulties due to the curfews imposed by the Defence Ministry and the acute shortage of food which has led to sharp increases in the prices for most essential goods.

Vadamarachchi East is the part of the Jaffna district that is under the LTTE's administration, and consists of coastal villages such as Maruthankeney, Uduthurai, Thalaiyady, Aliyavalai, Vettilaikeny, Kaddaikkadu, Pookkaruppu, Kevil and Chundikulam. Many civilians from these villages died in the tsunami and lost a large amount of property, such as houses, fishing boats & engines were destroyed. Civilians were affected once again with the recent return to war and the ensuing artillery, multi barrel and Kfir aircraft attacks by the Sri Lanka Armed Forces. The population has been displaced and lacks the basic amenities such as shelter, food, water and medicine.

Projects Implemented for IDPs by TRO District and local NGOs/CBOs

Transportation

- TRO began the renovation of 18 km of road from Kervil to Nallathannithoduvai. The road is used by people from Vadamarachchi East who are now living at Chundikulam - 8 Km road work is already completed.

Medical service

- There has been no government hospital service to the area, only Thileepan Medical Mobile service. As a result pregnant mothers, babies, the ill and the injured have suffered due to lack of accessible medical service.

Drinking water supply

- IDPs suffered without enough drinking water.

Nutrition

TRO is constructing a temporary Nutrition Centre in Poonathuduvai area in Vadamarachchi East due to increases in the numbers of children, pregnant women and nursing mothers in the area who lack adequate nutrition.

Needs of IDPs in Chundikulam Village

- Temporary shelter
- Temporary toilets
- Wells for drinking water
- Temporary school building / structures.
- Temporary toilet & water facilities for Schools



Road Construction



MANNAR DISTRICT

Mannar District is divided into two parts: the government controlled areas and LTTE controlled areas. People of Manthai West & Madhu are in LTTE administrated divisions. These people were affected during previous military operations such as “Edipala Operation” and “Ranagosa Operation”. The civilians in the area have been engaged in fishing & farming for their livelihood. Civilians fled after the recent attempted advances by the SLA and SLAF air strikes. The 02 July 2007 bombardment of a civilian cottage in the Padakuthurai – Iluppaikadavai village in Mannar district triggered the displacement of a large number of IDPs to safer areas.

There is one organization, IDRO, for Madhu division and two MWDO, NEDRO for Manthai West Division who are engaged in relief work with TRO’s support.

IDPs Details in Mannar divisions

Table 6

No	Place	Families	Male	Female	Individuals
01	Periyamadhu	1,060	1,998	2,028	4,026
02	Adampan	1,971	3,626	3,535	7,161
03	Iluppaikadavai	410	780	773	1,553
	Total	3,441	6,404	6,336	12,740

TRO works as a program partner with local NGOs , CBOs, INGOs and UN Organizations for IDP assistance and support.

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Table 7

Implementing Organization	Place	Funding / Supporting Organization	Houses	Progress
TRO Mannar	Periyamadhu	TRO	150	90%

Drinking water supply

- TRO identified 118 wells in need of repair and cleaning, currently TRO has completed work on 45 wells
- TRO through NEDRO distributed drinking water to the Iluppaikadavai, Anthoniyarpuram, and Thevapitty areas.

Needs for IDPs

- Toilets 200
- Temporary shelter 300
- Temporary preschool 01
- NFRI
- Assistance for home gardening



VAVUNIYA DISTRICT

Vavuniya district is divided into two parts: the government controlled areas and the LTTE controlled areas. Vavuniya North, in the LTTE controlled areas, consists of Nedunkeny division and Puliyankulam areas.

The civilians of Vavuniya North have been affected by military activities such as multi barrel artillery attacks, air strikes and claymore mine attacks by SLA deep Penetration Units (DPU). Currently the civilians have fled from their places to safer areas; as a result the schools are not functioning.

IDPs Details in Vavuniya

Table 8

No	Place	Families	Individuals	0-01 age	02-05 age	06-16 age	Above 17
01	Mannakulam1	50	205	8	25	48	124
02	Periyakulam	51	200	12	21	53	114
03	Mannakulam2	26	122	6	10	41	65
	Total	127	527	26	56	142	303

Projects implemented by NDRO and VDRO for IDPs

Temporary shelter

Table 9

Implementing Organization	Place	Funding / Supporting Organization	Houses	Progress
VDRO	Mannakulam	FORUT	50	70%
NDRO	Periyakulam	OXFAM	59	90%

Social welfare project

- VDRO in partnership with Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) provided clothing for 170 children who were under 18 years

Special Project

Medical Support by International Coordinating Unit (ICU) of TRO

Medical services in the Vanni are inadequate due to GoSL restrictions and the lack of adequate medical equipment, medicines and medical personnel; as a result the International Coordinating Unit of TRO made arrangements to provide grants to those who can not access or afford medical assistance.

Patients who were assisted by ICU in the last 2 weeks

No	Patient Name	Address	Assistance
01	Tharmalingam Manonmani	Venavil Puthukkudiyiruppu	Medicines for TB
02	Kalaiivanan Subathrathevi	12 th Post Visuvamadu	For medicine

Patient Welfare Society (PWS)

The Patient Welfare Society's Centres are currently functioning in Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Puthukkudiyiruppu, Mallavi, and Mulangavil hospitals. These centers have funded ancillary services for the hospitals such as: coordinating volunteers for the hospitals, maintaining hospitals welfare, transporting the patients and supplying food for patients.

- TRO through PWS supplied drinking water to general hospital in Kilinochchi.
- PWS provided expense payments for 24 volunteer at the General Hospital Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu.



Nutrition Parks Activities

There are 10 Day Care Centers and 02 Nutrition Parks for Mother & Child with 943 beneficiaries throughout the Vanni, which have been providing nutrition for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers who were in need of nutrition.

Anpu Nutrition Park identified 02 malnourished children and enrolled them in the Center/Park. The brothers are: Sivanantham Darsan (age 01 year) and Sivanantham Dansan (age 01 year).



2 Sivanantham Darsan



1 Sivanantham Dansan