

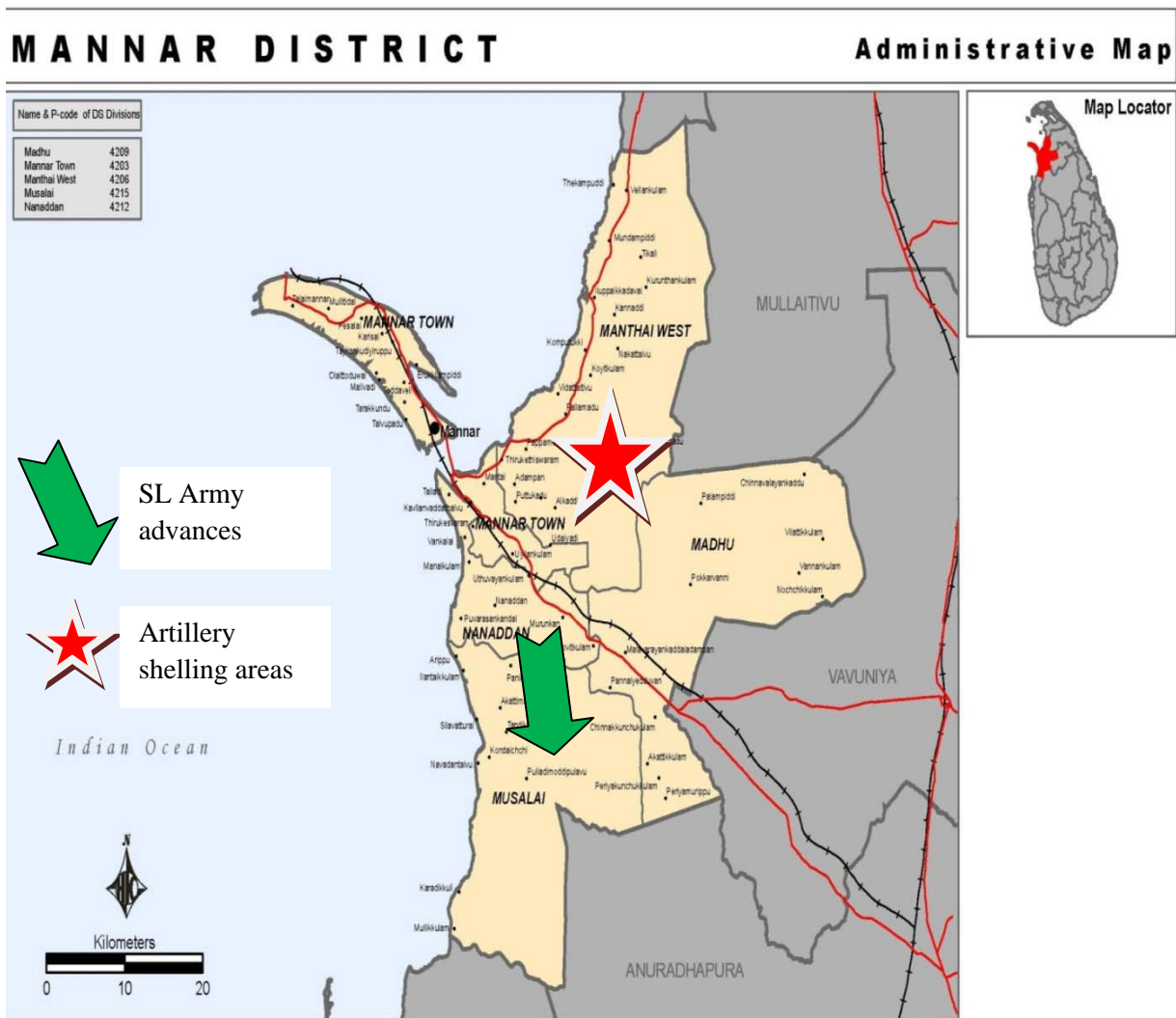


Tamils Rehabilitation Organization

Special Situation Reports (#1 & #2)

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Mannar District



MANNAR SITUATION REPORT

Mannar District is located in Southwest of the Northern Province. Its consists of GOSL controlled areas such as Mannar town and LTTE controlled areas such as Manthai west, Madhu and part of Musali division

Over 6000 civilians have been displaced by SL Army advances. The areas they have displaced from on 01 September 2007 are: Aripputhurai, Chilawathurai and Hokkupulaiyan. The SL Army continues the artillery shelling of civilian villages in Manthai West, Mannar district.

Currently civilians are fleeing from Manthai West to Kovilkulam, Athimooddai, Koorai, Illuppaikadavai, Vellankulam, Thevanpitty, Vidathaltivu West and Central Mulankavil in the Kilinochchi district due to shelling.

There has been large number of houses and other assets damaged. Most families in the area had built crude bunkers and thus civilian casualties were limited.

IDPs Details

| <i>Updated on 05.09.2007</i> | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| No | Place | Families | Total |
| 01 | Kovilkulam | 83 | 347 |
| 02 | Athimooddai | 56 | 236 |
| 03 | Iluppaikadavai | 43 | 189 |
| 04 | Paliyaru | 78 | 367 |
| 05 | Vellankulam | 127 | 521 |
| 06 | Periyamadhu | 207 | 756 |
| 07 | Mulankavil | 177 | 664 |
| 08 | Thevanpitty | 12 | 61 |
| 09 | Vidathaltivu west | 06 | 15 |
| 10 | Vidathaltivu central | 02 | 03 |
| 11 | Koorai | 95 | 420 |
| | Total | 886 | 3579 |

Civilians of Adampan Division in Manthai



West are displacing to safer areas themselves. TRO has made arranges through local NGO's to provide food, drinking water, dry food rations and transportation to the IDPs' choice where they are provided accommodation in Schools, Community buildings and friends & relatives houses.

UNHCR and ZOA visited the areas and observed and discussed the current situation with local NGO's.

ATTACKS ON IDPs

On 1 September 2007, the SL Deep Penetration Unit (DPU) attacked IDPs who were fleeing from Aripputhurai through Aruvi Aru Bridge. The DPU detonated a claymore mine killing 12 civilians and injuring 6 others.

On 3 September 2007, one IDP, Mr.Yokan (age 28), was killed and Mr.Sellathurai Yoganathan (age 36), the father of 5 children, was wounded by a SL Army shell from Thallady Camp when IDPs where isplaced from Kuruvilvan through Vannakulam.



On 04 September 2007 a herd of 32 farm animals were killed and 420 hectares of paddy field (of a total of 1200 hectares) was destroyed due to the SL Army shelling from Thallady Camp in Mannar.

One of the IDPs is a student in Mulankavil who has qualified to enter university. She does not wish to go to Jaffna due to the difficulties that students in Jaffna face.

At a meeting of IDPs she stated, ***“I am Dayana displaced from Vaddakkandal village which was under heavy artillery shelling. We spent the past two days in Pankar and then came out. Because there was not any other option we decided to flee to the safer areas.*”**

In the past we lost our properties due to SL Army military actions in our areas. Currently, the young children and the elders are suffering due to displacement and lack of food. Our livelihood is farming and this is the harvesting period. Because we have displaced we have lost everything and can not support ourselves now and for the next year because we will have no income from the harvest.. We need a safer place for our survival.”



Relief Work

Civilians fled from Manthai West AGA division to Kavilkulam, Athimooddai, Kalliyady, Iluppaikadavai, Paliyaru, Vellankulam, Mulankavil, due to SL army shelling

TRO has been providing relief such as cooked food, dry food, drinking water and transportation through local NGO's in these areas and has coordinated with INGO's to provide accommodation and other relief.



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