

SITUATION REPORT # 96

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

11-18 October 2007

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour visited Sri Lanka from 9-13 October on the invitation of the Government. Attached are the press statements released by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights regarding the visit.

KILINCHCHI & MULLAITIVU DISTRICTS

Situation Update

- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) resumed its normal duties at the Omanthai crossing point on 19 October after a brief exit following a shelling incident close to the area on 17 October. The opening of this entry/exit point has enabled normal civilian and humanitarian operations to proceed once again.
- Shelling continues in areas south of Kilinochchi district, Vadamarachchi East and Poonakary and therefore those areas remain inaccessible to humanitarian agencies.
- The Uyilankulam Forward Defence Line (FDL) in Mannar district remains closed for movements since 3 September.

Internally Displaced Persons

- As 15 October, the District Secretariat-Kilinochchi reported that there were 11,546 families (42,596 persons) registered as IDPs in Kilinochchi district since April 2006.

Sector Response

Shelter

- 17 October, Oxfam reported that ECHO released funds to Oxfam for the construction of 480 temporary shelters (TS) for IDPs settled in Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts in the coming year. Oxfam assisted 257 IDP families to re-thatch their TS located in Vadamarachchi East division-Jaffna District. Oxfam completed the reconstruction of a 5 km internal road out of a planned 10 km road to access the villages of Vadamarachchi East where several hundreds of IDPs have been settled.
- World Vision reported on 16 October that 120 TS out of a planned 200 have been constructed in Vellankulam (Manthai West AGA division) where IDPs of Mannar have been settled whom were displaced from areas closer to the FDL.
- As at 15 October, Caritas- Hudec had completed and handed over 232 TS out of a planned 300 at Puthukkudiyiruppu division in Mullaitivu district to IDPs settled in this division.
- 17 October, ZOA completed the construction of 75 TS out of a committed 100 and handed them over to IDPs displaced from Manthai West –Mannar and settled in Mulankavil areas in Poonakary AGA division.
- Last week, Solidar completed the construction of seven TS in Puthukkudiyiruppu division (Mullaitivu district) out of a committed 100 TS for newly displaced families. So far, 45 TS have been completed and handed over to beneficiaries. Similarly, last week, Solidar completed 3 more shelters in Paaliyaru (Manthai West AGA division-Mannar) where Solidar are planning to construct 250 TS for IDPs settled in this location. In Paaliyaru; Solidar has completed 85 TS.

Food

- 12 and 16 October, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) transported 40 MT of wheat flour and 20 MT of cooking oil to Kilinochchi for its ongoing IDP dry ration distribution covering 11,314 families (41,699 persons). 46 MT of Corn Soya Blend (CBS) was brought by WFP for its food-for-education programme that benefits 29,190 children in Kilinochchi and 16,162 children in Mullaitivu. In addition, 20 MT of cooking oil and 30 MT of dhal were also transported to Mullaitivu district on 16 October. WFP-Kilinochchi reports that so far dry ration distributions have been completed up to 15 October in both districts.

Water and Sanitation

- Oxfam is repairing 11 tube wells in Jayrapuram IDP location in Poonakary AGA division while one tube well was repaired in Ramanathapuram in the Karachchi division.
- Oxfam is constructing nine open wells at six IDP locations in Mullaitivu district.
- Oxfam has completed the construction of nine latrines at two IDP locations in Kilinochchi and four latrines at one IDP location in Mullaitivu.
- Oxfam conducted hygiene awareness programmes and water quality tests at 15 schools where large numbers of IDP students have been enrolled from Mullaitivu district.
- As of 17 Oct, World Vision has been distributing 48,000 liters of water per day to 5 IDP locations in Manthai west division. Since 29 August ZOA has been bowsering water to 6 IDP locations in Mulankavil and 5 IDP locations in Manthai West.
- Solidar as implementing partner of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) completed the construction 16 latrines in 13 schools where increased numbers of IDP students have been studying in Mullaitivu district. Solidar also conducted information sessions on hygiene promotion to 45 IDP families settled in the Moonrampity IDP location in Manthai West.
- In order to provide sanitation facilities to IDPs settled in the Manthai West areas, Solidar has been asked to construct 83 toilets by UNICEF in Manmunai West.

NFRI

- 10 and 11 October, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed NFRIs, consumable kits and baby kits to 335 IDP families settled in Vellankulam, Manthai west division) and Keppapulavu village, Mullaitivu district.
- 16 October, UNICEF contributed to the NFRI packs distributed to 154 IDP families in Paaliyaru and 87 families in Vellankulam in Manthai west division by Solidar. These IDPs have been displaced from areas close to the FDL sites in Mannar district.
- Last week, Solidar handed over NFRIs to Santhosam Illam where 62 mentally handicapped persons have been accommodated at Akkarayan in Kilinochchi.

Protection

- During the week, White Pigeon as implementing partner of UNICEF Mine Risk Education activities (MRE) carried out MRE programmes through direct presentations and street dramas in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts for 6,681 persons.

Education

- During the week, as part of its health awareness programme among schools, Oxfam with the support of the Zonal Director Education (ZDE) and Medical Officer Health (MOH) organized a health quiz among ten schools in the Mullaitivu education zone.
- 15 October UNICEF dispatched one motorbike to the Zonal Director of Education Mullaitivu in order to strengthen the capacity of ongoing monitoring, evaluation and data processing project activities.
- 17 October UNICEF dispatched 25 hard ball cricket sets and 25 netballs to the Zonal Director of Education in Thunukkai to distribute among the school.

Health

- Oxfam conducted health awareness programmes and house hold visits at three IDP locations in Mullaitivu district for 850 families.

- 17 October UNICEF reported that following the high energy biscuit feeding in areas where they found malnutrition problems through their nutrition screening conducted two months back, 411 children out of 740 who were in the severely malnourished category (less than -3SD) improved to the moderately malnourished (less than -2SD) category in Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts. The cured rate is 55.46% per two weeks.

Livelihood

- As a part of the Solidar' income generating activities among IDPs, 3,130 coconut leave sheaths were distributed to 10 IDP families settled in the Kalmadunagar IDP village so they could earn an income after converting the leaves to 'cadjan'.

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS

Internally Displaced Persons

- The GA office reports that there are 5,668 families (21,387 individuals) displaced in Mannar district and 3,071 families (10,302 persons) displaced in Vavuniya district as at 16 October 2007.

Sector Response

Shelter

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is implementing a waste management and home garden project in Division B at the Sithampampuram Welfare Centre. The Quick Impacts Project (QIP) project was approved by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) together with Solidar and will focus on setting up a recycling centre for metals, plastics, glass, home composting and proper waste disposal. A community meeting was held on 9 October and educational sessions for the residents started on 15 October and will continue all week.
- 12 October, CARE completed the collection of information for community mobilization in four villages of Mottakaddai, Pallamkottai, Umanakiry/ Kovankulam and Achchankulam in Nanaddan DS division.
- ZOA agreed to provide temporary shelters meaning steel frame with cadjan roof to IDPs staying in Razool Puthuvely, Valkaipattankandal and Alavakkai in Mannar. Initially, on 17 and 18 October, ZOA and local NGO LEADS conducted a needs assessment at these locations.

Water and Sanitation

- ZOA completed the construction of 12 permanent toilets in Pesalai and Chavatkadu in Mannar DS division.

NFRI

- 16 October, OXFAM distributed cloth material to 244 IDPs staying in Achankulam, Pallamkottai and coconut plantation IDP location in Nanaddan.
- 12 October, SCiSL upon request of DS Mannar distributed NFRI packages to 44 Mullikkulam IDPs staying in Mannar DS division.

Health

- 16 October, OXFAM distributed hygiene kit to 134 IDP families staying in Achankulam, Pallamkottai and coconut plantation IDP location in Nanaddan.
- ZOA and MADRAP organized a medical screening for 19 disabled persons in Mannar district.

Food

- 5-12 October, WFP transported 17.267 MT of rice, 15.54 MT wheat flour, 4.121 MT of dhal, 0.082 MT of sugar and 0.12 MT of vegetable oil to Mannar district and 12.208 MT of rice, 6.14 MT of wheat flour, 2.861 MT of dhal, 1.176 MT of sugar and vegetable oil for its IDP dry ration distribution.
- 13 & 14 October, ZOA as part of a food-for-work program organized the renovation of two small tanks for agriculture and bathing purposes for IDPs in Arthimodda. 160 persons participated.

Education

- 17 October, ZOA completed the construction of 1 temporary pre-school building in Arthimodai.

Protection

- 13 October, SCiSL and the Sewa Lanka Foundation organized a children's day celebration in Thottaveli for 44 children.
- ZOA and Mannar Association for Rehabilitation of Differently Abled People (MADAP) conducted home visits to 109 disabled persons staying in 10 villages in Mannar and Nanaddan.

Food Security

- 11-17 October, CARE distributed agricultural inputs such as paddy, pail, sacks, mammoties (sharp edged shovel) rake, sack needle, sickle knife, watering can, teak and coconut plants, vegetable seeds, cow dung, black gram, green gram, maize and cowpea to 40 selected beneficiaries and provided 4 knapsack sprayers to the Nedunkulam Samaja Sanwardhana Samithiya in Nedunkulam, Vavuniya South.
- 8-11 October, FAO with the Department of Animal Production and Health and implementing partner Sewa Lanka Foundation conducted a training programme in backyard poultry rearing for 122 relocated families in the Kalnatinakulam, Samayapuram, Ganeshapuram, Srirampuram and Maharampaikulam villages in Vavuniya.
- 8-11 October, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with the Department of Animal Production & Health and implementing partner FORUT distributed one month old chicks and starter mash (10 birds and 25kg mash bag per family) to 73 relocated families in the Thaddankulam and Kalnatinakulam villages in Chedikkulam and Vavuniya.
- 9 and 11 October, FAO with the Department of Agriculture organized a training on improved home gardening techniques and distributed vegetable seeds and leaflets to 101 resettled vulnerable households in the Tharanikulam and Katpagapuram villages in Vavuniya.
- 12 October, FAO with the Department of Agriculture organized a training on improved seed paddy production techniques and also distributed seed paddy and fertilizer to 10 resettled vulnerable paddy farmers in the Tharanikulam, Sasthirikoolankulam, Nellukkulam and Kayankulam villages in Vavuniya and 10 resettled vulnerable paddy farmers in the Arasadikulam and Maniyarkulam villages in Chedikkulam.

Livelihood

- 13 October, CARE provided goats to 10 vulnerable families in Malayaparuththikkulam Vavuniya South; each family received 3 goats.
- 11 October, OXFAM upon request of DS provided Rupees 2,000 cash grant to seven Mullikkulam IDPs staying in Elutoor and Talaimannar in Mannar.
- 12 October, ZOA provided 50 chicks with starter and finisher packages to the Anpu Sakotharar children's home for consumption and as income generation for food in Keeri, Mannar.
- 17 October, ZOA started buffalo curd production on a trial basis in Nanaddan DSD.

Psycho-social

- 11-17 October, ZOA and Familian conducted 85 family visits to IDPs staying in the Rice Mill and Church locations in Nanaddan.
- 10 October, CARE organized a training on how to write project proposals for 35 members of a community based organization in Samayapuram in Vavuniya.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), as at 11 October, the number of IDPs residing in the Kiliveddy Transit Sites was 1,143 families (3,779 persons), in the Paddithidal Transit Site was 347 families (1,107 persons) in the Manalchchenai Transit Site was 14 families (38 persons).

- Some of the IDPs who are currently with host families in Konesapuri and wish to go to Kiliveddy Transit site are waiting for government documentation / transportation for their transfer.

Sector Response

Food

- 12 MT of World Food Programme (WFP) food items, or a one-month ration, was dispatched to Muttur for distribution to 862 registered IDPs and returnees.
- 62 MT mixed commodities were sent to 91 schools in the district to support 24,058 students through WFP's School Feeding Programme.
- Two week's supply of WFP food is expected to be sent this week to IDPs in host families in Kuchchaveli.

Shelter

- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) did a rapid assessment last week for the shelter needs in Uppooral (Seruvila DS division) where the resettlement would start soon. The assessment showed that 10 permanent houses built for the tsunami-affected are in tact and would only need the doors and window frames to be replaced and the construction of 19 permanent houses are partly completed (up to the roof level). The ICRC is committed to assist with all the shelter needs in Uppooral GN division. According to local authorities 40 families will be returned to Uppooral within two weeks and hope that all 169 families could be resettled in a short time.
- Protection
- UNHCR informed agencies that the Low Risk Mine Certificate for Uppooral (which reportedly was issued) has yet not been received. Agencies are reminded to be cautious when entering the area of Uppooral.
- ICRC is awaiting GA approval to construct semi-permanent shelters in Alankerny for Muttur East IDPs who are with the host families.
- 10 October, the Children's Club members organized a Children's Day celebration at Hindu Culture Hall IDP site.
- 6 October, the Child Protection Committee and Children's club members of Paddithidal Transit Site organized a Children's Day celebration at Paddithidal Transit Site with the support of SCiSL.
- 5 October, SCiSL organized an awareness raising programme on the Convention of Child Rights for IDPs in Paddithidal Transit site. The Child Protection Committee of the Paddithidal Transit Site requested for this programme and 80 parents participated.

Water and Sanitation

- Oxfam's water purification plant in Kiliveddy is harvesting 44,000 liters of water per day and it is distributed through pipelines to all the plots of the Kiliveddy Transit Site and is trucked to the Paddithidal Transit Site.
- The Verugal Pradeshiya Saba is running the water purification plant (constructed and supporting by Oxfam) in Verugal and it is harvesting 18,000 liters of water per day. The Verugal Pradeshiya Saba is coordinating and with the support of ZOA and Oxfam trucking water to the identified saline water affected areas.

Health

- 13 October 60 displaced children from the Kiliveddy and Paddithidal schools were trained on "First aid" through St. John's Ambulance Brigade with the support of SCiSL.

Education

- 05 October, 20 bicycles, 19 water filters and 21 footballs were distributed by SCiSL to school and early learning centres in Eachchilampattai.

NFRI

- 11 & 16 October, SCiSL distributed frocks and sanitary napkins to 762 internally displaced women in Kiliveddy transit centre.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

Internally Displaced Persons

- According to Government statistics as at 15 October, the total registered IDP population in the District is 10,239 families (38,008 individuals).
- The Government has officially announced the return of IDP families to 3 GNs divisions namely, Koduwamadu, Pankudaveli, and Karadiyanaru of Chenkalady DS division on 18 and 19 October. Approximately 1,200 families are scheduled to be resettled during these two days.

Sector Response

Shelter

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has repaired 374 shelters in Panichchenkerny and 22 shelters in Mankerny in Vaharai division.
- Eight shelters were constructed by IOM and 17 are under construction, most of which have reached the roof level, at Pannichayadi Munmari GN division in Paddipalai DS division.
- 32 shelters were completed at Kachakody Swamimalai in Paddipalai division and the remaining 36 shelters are under construction by IOM.
- A total of 234 shelters at Mahilavedduwan and 65 at Naripulthottam were identified by IOM for construction in Vavunathivu division, for which shelter kits were delivered at sites.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has provided transitional shelters to 50 conflict-affected families in Paalchenai village in Vaharai division.
- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) distributed 305 shelter kits & 153 roof kits to returnees whose houses were severely damaged or destroyed in 9 GN divisions in Vellavelly DS division and 660 shelter kits & 125 roof kits in 7 GN divisions in Vavunathivu DS division.
- Oxfam Australia through partner Community Development Organization (CDO) is upgrading 99 transitional shelters at Thiraimadu and up to date 8 transitional shelters have been upgraded while work on the rest is in progress. The construction of around 200 permanent shelters for the tsunami-affected is in progress at Thiraimadu in Manmunai North (MN) division and Vaharai.
- Following the completion of the distribution of emergency shelter kits in UNHCR's AoR for Batticaloa West return areas. During the reporting period UNHCR provided 2 additional shelter kits in Vavunathivu. Tarpaulin was issued to 68 families (107 tarpaulins) who were not able to complete the construction of their shelter due to lack of materials. Technical support will continue to be offered to vulnerable households.

Food

Basic food rations to IDPs in the district are been provided by GA-WFP to 84%, ASB-Koinonia to 9%, Sewalanka to 6%, NCM Lanka to 1% of the displaced population.

Complementary food rations to IDPs in welfare centers are been provided by ASB-Koinonia to 22%, Sewalanka to 10%, arche noVa to 6%, and NCM Lanka/ Help from Germany and NCC to 6%. There remains a gap of 56% in complementary food been provided.

- Basic food ration assistance continues for all resettled persons in the 3 divisions in West Batticaloa (Vellavelly, Paddipalai and Vavunathivu) by GA-WFP, and the British Red Cross Society (BRCS) continues to provide a cash equivalent of food to resettled persons in Vaharai.
- ICRC together with Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) volunteers completed the first cycle of complementary food assistance in 22 GN divisions in Vavunathivu, Paddipalai and Vellavelly divisions and reached 5,041 households; Help from Germany is assisting 750 families from Sept 2007-Jan 2008. There is a gap of 80% in complementary foods in the three resettled divisions of West Batticaloa.
- GA/WFP, through the Education Department, is assisting 53,000 school children with the 'Food for Education' programme, covering 216 schools in the district. 43% of the beneficiary children are in the 4 resettled divisions of the district.
- GA/WFP, through the Department of Health, is assisting 38,000 pregnant and lactating mothers and children under the age of 5 with the 'Mother and Child Nutrition' programme, assisting 168 clinics in the district where 26% of the clinics assisted are located in the four resettled divisions of the district.

Water and Sanitation

- UNICEF watsan assistance is on-going at 31 IDP camps in the District.
- The UNOPS Quick-fix team has installed privacy screening at toilets and bathing areas in 3 camp locations in MN and Chenkalady divisions.
- IDP camp sanitation facilities are being upgraded to decrease the toilet ratio to 30 persons per toilet district-wide.
- IOM completed the construction of 30 toilets and work on 8 toilets is ongoing in Nochchimunai in MN division.
- 10 October, Merlin distributed cleaning items such as phenol - 60 bottles, 475 broom sticks and 100 toilet brushes to Palacholai and Koralankerny IDP camp in Chenkalady division.
- 3 tube wells were constructed by arche noVa in Kirimuddi camp in Kiran division, Kallady in MN division and Koralankerny in Chenkalady division.
- 5 aprons (to assist in drainage) were constructed by arche noVa, four in Thiraimadu in MN division and 1 in Kurukkalmadam in Kaluwanchikudy division.
- After some repairs, ICRC re-installed the mobile water treatment plant attached to Unnichchai tank in Vavunathivu division which supplies 18,000 – 25,000 liters of water per day as a source for water bowsers in the area.
- 1 barrel well was repaired in Arayampathy and two temporary toilets units (segregated for women and men) were installed at the Chenkalady DS Office by Oxfam GB and partners. Oxfam GB constructed 10 permanent toilets in Vaharai division.
- 10 and 11 October, soak pits were cleaned by volunteers in Palameenmadu 2 camp and cleaning campaigns were organized in Kokkuvil 3 and Zahira School camp in MN division by arche noVa.
- 16 October, Oxfam GB handed over 35 water filters to schools in Paddipalai division on promoting safe water use among school students.
- 12 October, 427 water filters were distributed by Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) to 64 schools in Paddiruppu, Batticaloa and Kalkudah zones.
- MSF & UNICEF conducted a joint assessment of camps in MN division for the installation of on-site water supplies at longer term IDP camps to provide a sustainable supply of safe drinking water & phase out the truck bowsering of drinking water.
- Flood preparedness & Drainage assessments are on-going by watsan actors in the district.
- UNICEF provided watsan related supply support to the local government for resettlement in Chenkalady: 1 diesel water pump to ACLG for well cleaning, 9 water tanks and stands, 25 big taps, 30 site cleaning kits to the Chenkalady Pradeshiya Saba for cleaning of school & community facilities in resettlement area.
- Oxfam GB, arche noVa/ UNICEF and IOM bowsered 508,500 liters of water per day the past week at sites in the district.

NFRI

- 12 October, Merlin distributed 37 hygiene kits at the St. Sebastian IDP camp in MN division.
- 12 October, SCiSL distributed clothes to 385 displaced children in Kiran division.
- UNICEF provided 66 hygiene kits, 87 kitchen sets and 323 cooking kits to MSF; 144 soaps provided to arche noVa to distribute in IDP camps in MN division.
- UNICEF provided 20 plastic buckets to ACTED to distribute in the Food Warehouse IDP camp in MN division.

Protection

- 10 and 11 October, 147 parents participated in a parents' meeting conducted by SCiSL in 5 villages in the Vellavely division and discussed pre-school, health & nutrition, children club activities, school drop-out and children's day celebration.
- 10 and 11 October, SCiSL conducted a two-day training workshop through partner organizations at Semmannoday and Oddamadady in Koralaipattu Central divisions on "Disaster Risk Reduction & Emergency Preparedness" for 41 children.
- During the reporting period, documentation and National Identity Card clinics were held in Chenkalady, Kiran, Valachchenai and Oddamadady DS divisions. The Secretary of the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs & National

Integration indicated that the Ministry was pleased with the results of the clinics, and following an evaluation of the programme, would propose further clinics in 2008.

Psycho-social

- Having completed training on Fire Drill and Personal Safety, on 15 and 16 October, IOM distributed a pair of fire extinguishers and sand-buckets to schools, community centers, RDS buildings in Vaharai, Kathankudy and MN divisions.
- 13 and 14 October, SCiSL organized a Children's Day program in four villages in Vellavelly division supported by partner organizations for 5,000 children and 2,000 parents.
- 15 October, SCiSL provided 14 play packs and 15 cupboards to 15 children clubs in Vellavelly division.
- On 13 October, a Children's Day celebration was conducted by SCiSL supported by partner organization (EHED) at the Kokkuvil IDP camp in MN division and Meeravodai in Valachchenai division for 140 children and 400 parents.

Education

- 10 October, IOM provided school furniture and class-room items to the Education Development Board to be distributed to six pre schools in Vaharai division.
- 15 October, SCiSL distributed 355 shoes and socks to the resettled children at the Vellavelly Kalaimagal Vidiyalayam School.
- 16 October, SCiSL distributed 500 early childhood education kits to 13 Early Childhood Development Centers in Vellavelly division.
- 12 October, SCiSL facilitated a training conducted by the Assistant Director of Early Childhood Education on "Appropriate Teaching Methodologies" for 105 Early Childhood Education teachers from the Kalkudah and Batticaloa education zones.
- 3,200 Early Childhood Education children were provided with supplementary feeding by SCiSL at existing IDP camps & in the resettlement areas of Vellavelly, Vavunathivu & Paddipalai divisions.

Health & Nutrition

- 9-11 October, IOM organized street dramas on hygiene promotion in Vaharai and Kaluwanchikudy divisions and was conducted by the Centre for Performing Arts (CPA) for 3,200 persons.
- 8 -12 and 15-16 October, Merlin operated medical mobile clinic teams in resettled communities in Vaharai, West Batticaloa and MN divisions including 7 IDP camps; 1,217 cases were attended to.
- Merlin continues health & hygiene activities in 8 camps in the district by covering the population of 7,254 IDPs.
- arche noVa continues hygiene promotion activities in 6 camps in MN and Chenkalady divisions covering approximately 1,807 beneficiaries.
- 2 hygiene promotion campaigns on persisting risk behaviors was organized and facilitated by Sarvodaya and Oxfam GB in the Savukkady and Iyankerny IDP camps in Chenkalady division. This campaign focused on children's excreta disposal, use and disposal of sanitary towels and safe handling of drinking water containers for 95 IDPs.
- ESCO was able to conduct 3 awareness sessions, household visits and monitoring in Vaharai division on the key messages hygiene and water use. 15 latrine user groups were also formulated to educate the community on the use and maintenance of latrine facilities in the area.
- 11 October, arche noVa conducted a hygiene promotion session including story telling etc. with approximately 30 preschool students in Kurukkalmadam in Kaluwanchikudy division.
- Camp based hygiene promotion activities are continued by Oxfam GB volunteers with the support of partner agencies (ESCO and Sarvodaya) in Iyankerny & Savukkady in Chenkalady division, Vinayagapuram in Valachchenai division and Kovilkulam Annex in Arayampathy division.
- 16 public health promotion (PHP) groups were set up by ESCO in the Uriyankattu and Sethukkuda areas in Vaharai division to carry out PHP activities among resettled people.

Livelihood

- 16 October, SCiSL distributed bank drafts (each worth Rs. 15,000) to 84 beneficiaries in the resettled villages of Thumbankerny in Vellavelly division as the 1st installment to commence their livelihood activities.

- 2 IDPs who were trained by Oxfam GB on coconut shell ornament making were selected to participate and display their products at the National Craft Council Exhibition to be held from 19-21 October in Kandy.
- 11 October, Oxfam GB reviewed the business plans received from IDPs and provided cash grants to 51 beneficiaries from the Savukkady and Iyankerny IDP camp for small business and for small scale food production.
- Oxfam GB distributed sewing machines to two women at the Savukkady IDP camp to restart their livelihoods.
- An agreement was signed by Oxfam GB and the Agrarian Services Department to issue seed paddy and fertilizer to 246 farmers through Nertra and to 173 farmers through CRDO in 8 resettled villages of Pavakodichenai and Puthumandapathady G.N divisions.

AMPARA DISTRICT

Internally Displaced Persons

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reports that there are now 1,527 families (5,637 individuals) displaced in the District. This represents an overall reduction of 40 families (155 individuals) as compared to earlier updates.

Sector Response

Shelter

- Considering the extended displacement of the IDP population in the district, a care and maintenance programme for shelters needs to be initiated and implemented while the onset of the rainy season has to be taken into consideration as well.
- IOM up graded the walls of 39 shelters in Thirukkivil DS division by replacing the damaged wood planks.
- IOM completed the construction of 10 Save the Children in Sri Lanka (SCiSL) relocation shelters for tsunami beneficiaries in Thirukkivil.

Food

- As part of United Nations World Food Programme WFP's Mother and Child Nutrition Programme, - 23 food demonstration workshops were conducted for 1,150 participants (pregnant and lactating mothers) in 7 divisions. The Public Health Mid-Wives (PHMs) introduced participants to the nutritional value of Corn Soya Blend (CSB) and demonstrated preparation methods.
- During the week, WFP food was released to 17 schools in a successful implementation of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Catch up Education Programme. This programme benefits 457 students in 6 zones.

Water and Sanitation

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reports that the provision of adequate Wat/San facilities continues to be an issue. The host families' resources are increasingly been strained with the extended stay of the IDPs
- IOM upgraded 5 wells at a relocation site in Thirukkivil. IOM completed the construction of 4 new toilets at the Sainthamaruthu relocation site and upgraded 1 toilet at Dr. Kaleel camp, also in Sainthamaruthu.
- IOM cleaned 4 wells in Karaitivu and constructed 4 new toilets for SCiSL beneficiaries in Pottuvil.

Protection

- Thirukkivil police are registering the residents of Vinayapuram including the IDP population, requesting for head of family, identities of people living there and their relationship to the head of family. The police have explained the registration process as a necessary procedure to identify local residents during any security incident and to avoid any infiltration.
- SCiSL provided 50 hygienic kits to the Children's Ward of the Kalmunai Base Hospital.
- SCiSL provided play material to 2 children's clubs in Sammanthurai.
- 16 October SCiSL conducted a one-day workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Orientation for the DDMC (Divisional Disaster Management Committee) in Navithanveli for 42 participants.

- SCiSL assisted the Saraswathy School in Thambuluvil, Al-Bahiriya School in Kalmunaikudy and As-Siraj Vidyalayam in Navithanveli to develop a final Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Psycho-social

- Ampara conducted 2 workshops at the Sainthamaruthu division Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society (MPCS) camp and the Ceylon Electricity Board camp (how many benefic).

Education

- 12 October, SCiSL provided AM/Demadamalpalasa with a public addressing system.
- 16 October, SCiSL supported a cultural programme of 120 pre-school children from 3 communities in Central Camp, Cehnaikkudiyiruppu and Maavadipalli in Kalmunai.
- SCiSL made financial grants to the 3 Schools Development Societies of AK/Rahumaniya Vidyalayam, KM/Al-Ashraff Vidyalayam and STR/As-Siraj Maha Vidyalayam.
- 17 October SCiSL conducted awareness programmes to parents of the students of AM/Himudurawa Vidyalayam in Himudurawa on “Developing Child Friendly Environment”.

Livelihood

- In Navithanveli DS division 35 paddy cultivation farmers were given 17,650 Rupees each as a first installment for paddy cultivation and 31 poultry farmers in the Chawalakkadai village were given 15,000 Rupees each as a first installment to start their livelihood.
- CARE conducted 2 livelihood capacity building trainings for 38 beneficiaries: 1 training for cow rearing and another one for goat rearing at Salambakkeni-1 and 2 and Central camp-2 beneficiaries in Navithanveli.
- CARE distributed 4 sets of fishing equipment to 8 fishermen in Oluvil DS division.

Health

- CARE conducted a hygiene promotion Training of Trainers (ToT) programme for community volunteers.
- IOM distributed 97 garbage cleaning tools at 6 tsunami camps in Karaitivu and Nintavur.

Food Security Sector

- In order to improve and facilitate the efficient coordination of activities within the Food Security sector, FAO distributed 4 Desktop Computers with printers to the Department of Animal Production & Health in Kalmunai, Sammanthurai, Akkaraipattu and Thirukkivil divisions and a laptop and 3 motor-bikes to the Department of Agriculture in the district.

JAFFNA DISTRICT (01-15 October 2007)

Situation Update

- The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour visited Jaffna on 12 October as part of her official visit to Sri Lanka. The High Commissioner met with the SF Commander, Government Agent, members of Council for Peace and Goodwill led by the Jaffna Bishop, Civil Society, UN agencies, ICRC, SLMM and the Jaffna Protection Working Group. The mission was coordinated by UNICEF, assisted by UNHCR and WFP and carried out in collaboration with the Security Forces and the Government Agent.

Sector Response

Protection

- 12 October, the Jaffna Protection Working Group met with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide a briefing on protection and Human Rights issues in Jaffna.
- 3 October, the Jaffna Protection Working Group provided a common briefing of key protection concerns to the Bilateral Donors Group (BDG), the USAID delegation, and OCHA delegation. The BDG was also provided with an

opportunity to visit the Jaffna prison in which there are also civilians detainees who seek protective custody under the Surendee Act.

- Copies of the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) narrative and database of the General Assessment were provided to the above-mentioned delegations. In addition, the reports have been published on the Humanitarian Information Center website managed by OCHA.
- UNHCR has been monitoring return zones in the Chavachcheri division, and has finalized return assessments in 7 GS divisions.
- Disaster Management Training was held as a networking activity between host community and IDPs in the Yogapuram Welfare Center in Kopay.
- De-mining is in progress at 21 sites in Sandillipay, Kopay, Thenmaradchchi DS divisions and Battle Area Clearance at Appaippidy in Velanai DS Division.
- During the reporting period, 76,244 m² was cleared of mines and UXOs.
- Quality Assurance and Quality Check operations on MRE and de-mining sites are continuously being carried out.

NFRI

- UNHCR distributed selected NFRI to 155 IDP households living with host families in the Point Pedro division.

Shelter

- An outdoor field simulation exercise was held at the UNHCR compound for members of the Shelter Coordination working group aimed at setting up a UNHCR tent during an emergency. Inputs and suggestions were provided by the participants during the summary discussion at the end of the field training.
- During the period under review, UNHCR implementing partner, JSAC, completed an upgrading and repair of 27 existing shelters in Sandillipay (2 shelters), and Uduvil Divisions (25 shelters).
- The ongoing UN-HABITAT tsunami housing projects in Polikandy West, Athikovilady, Revady and Kudatanai are progressing well. Despite the shortage of cement and roof tiles, almost all the houses have been constructed up to roof level. Roof work has been completed on about half of the houses. For the inspection of individual files of the beneficiaries of Alvai West, which is a newly started project done under the Top-up Programme an International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) team is expected in Jaffna by the end of the month. After the inspection they may authorize the release of the first installment for the construction.

Food Security

- The Kopay warehouse is running at its full capacity.
- United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) together with Dept. of Agriculture (Extension) and through its implementing partner agencies is to embark on a Maha planting season programme to promote paddy cultivation through the distribution of 30.75 MT of seed paddy with recommended fertilizer to 500 vulnerable beneficiaries in 462 ha for 10 DS Divisions in the whole of Jaffna District.
- FAO with the Department of Agriculture (Extension) and through its implementing partner NGOs such as Caritas-Hudec, World Vision, and Sewalanka continue to promote cultivation of subsidiary crops such as green gram, cowpea, and ground nut by issuing seeds and fertilizer to 2,400 vulnerable households in 10 DS divisions.
- FAO with the Department of Agriculture (Extension) and through its implementing partner NGOs such as Caritas-Hudec, World Vision, and Sewalanka assists in improving the local production of mineral-rich vegetables by issuing seven varieties of vegetable seeds with recommended fertilizers and agricultural tools (hoe, bush cutting knife, and watering can) for 1,000 vulnerable families in Jaffna, thereby promoting their food security and improving their nutritional status.
- FAO Maha Season Agricultural projects are also carried out. The projects provide training to improve agricultural techniques for 3,900 selected beneficiaries of the most vulnerable farmers in collaboration with partner agencies and with the fullest cooperation of the Department of Agriculture (Extension) in 10 DS divisions in the District.

Water and Sanitation

- All 404 schools in Jaffna have now received UNICEF posters with different hygiene promotion messages. All schools have also been assessed on their water and toilet situation.

- The water and sanitation construction in the welfare centers in Uduvil, Chankanai, and Tellipalay is ongoing by UNICEF. CBOs and contractors have now been identified.
- The Nilawarai water supply scheme implemented by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and funded by UNICEF has commenced. The important intake well has not been in use for almost two decades and will after rehabilitation again function to supply water for the benefit of 1,100 families and 3,500 members.

Health and Nutrition

- UNICEF is assisting the Jaffna Department of Health Services with the second phase of the nutrition rehabilitation programme in responding to the needs of severely wasted children under five (below -3SD weight for height). This week all Districts in Jaffna are participating.
- Training for community-based awareness of antenatal care commenced this week for 70 health care workers. The outcome of the UNICEF- funded program is to raise awareness on the importance of antenatal care, including adequate intake of food and micronutrients, as well as rest and regular check-ups.
- UNICEF is funding the training of 350 healthcare workers on lactation management and infant and young child-feeding practices, which started this week and will continue for one month.
- Contingency planning, monitoring and procurement of essential healthcare supplies, including emergency kits by WHO is ongoing.
- 1 October the intermediate Care Unit “Kudil” at Tellipalay, funded by WHO, was opened as the first intermediate care unit in Sri Lanka.
- WHO provide funds to carry out the provision of systematic follow-up care through vocational training programs and support employment schemes for acute psychiatric service users.

Education

- 5 September-11 October during a period of 15 days UNICEF supplied all 404 schools in Jaffna, with a total of approximately 123,000 students from grade 1-13 with stationary kits. Additional UNICEF issued school educational materials to 150 children who returned from India to Delft, Karaveddy, Jaffna, and Point Pedro divisions.
- IOM construction of a pre-school by IOM is in progress in Sandillipay North Pre-school.
- IOM construction of permanent toilets with septic tank at two pre-schools is in progress in Analaitivue.

Psycho-social

- UNICEF continues to support JSAC, a local NGO partner, in conducting Child Friendly Space activities in 5 areas (Varani North, Karampaikuruchchi, Pasaiyoor, Kurunagar, and St. Rocks in Kurunagar) and in 4 children's homes (Paramanatha- Karaveddy, Palam -Kopay, Hindu board- Thirunelvly, and Karunalayam- Nallur) benefiting more than 450 children during the reporting period.
- As the stationary kits were distributed to the schools on the islands, the opportunity was taken to gather some information on child protection issues, which currently is being compiled.

Livelihood

- 27 livelihood projects are being implemented and 3,200 direct beneficiaries have been supported through 14 projects. Of the 27 projects, 8 projects have been completed. 13 new livelihood projects have been developed and approved by the District Review Board (DRB). Implementing of the new project is on going.
- The UNDP livelihood project for the 1,000 IDP youth programme is currently being carried out through two partners in collaboration with Divisional Secretaries.
- The fisheries sector comprises 15,856 active fishermen in the district compared with last month's figure of 15,924. Alternative livelihood opportunities of the affected families are currently being considered by various agencies. However, implementation of cash-for-work or goods-for-work is comparatively low.
- In the agriculture sector steps are currently been taken to form a district farmers’ forum to take up farmer-based problems and to actively involve the marketing of agricultural produces. The late rainfall is affecting the growth of the paddy crop, and drought is reported in certain areas. A second sowing may be necessary due to this problem.
- 65 small and medium enterprises (SME) are planned to receive grant assistance from the Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCSL) as the SME operations are currently restricted due to the conflict

situation. The women's chamber had commenced its activities, and is receiving similar assistance to assist the women who are in the lead in the SME sector. However, the cost of transportation of raw material and the need to expand market networks are identified as key challenges by the sector beneficiaries.

- ILO has commenced emergency livelihood relief projects in Sandillipay, Point Pedro, and Maruthankerny divisions with the support of UNHCR. Currently the verification of beneficiaries is in progress and the labor-based appropriate technology rural road construction will commence at Maruthankerny Division for the Malikaithidal housing programme.
- FAO has provided home gardening training to 53 beneficiaries in Velanai APC with the Department of Agriculture.
- Vocational Training on electric wiring, computer skills, and dressmaking is currently been provided to 42 RRI beneficiaries.
- An ILO pilot project proposal regarding the Promotion of Compost for Bio-intensive gardening has been approved by the DRB (District Review Board). The project will be undertaken in Sandillipay, Chankanai, and Karaveddy. A total 150 beneficiaries will receive training and inputs (hand tools and planting materials).