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TRO SITUATION REPORT

From

TRO HEAD OFFICE **KILINNOCHCHI**

Time period covered:

1 March 2008 –10 March 2008

Districts: Vadamarachchi East (Jaffna), Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, & Vavuniya

I. Kilinochchi District

a. Situation Report

- KDRRO gave Rs 20,000 (US\$ 200) to 05 beneficiaries, Rs. 4000 (US\$ 40) each, engaged in poultry husbandry in Vivehananthanagar on 03 March 2008.
- KDRRO held a meeting on 05 March 2008 in Vivehananthanagar with farmers concerning an agriculture project. Farmers discussed ways to continue cultivation in an efficient manner under current conditions with emphasis on the restrictions and difficulties faced as a result of the resumption of the war.
- A ceremony was held to honour the children of KN/Kanthapuram No. 01 School who passed the scholarship examination that was conducted by ADO with the support of Rural Development Bank on 04 March 2008.
- A medical clinic was held by a mobile medical team from the Centre for Health Services. The clinic, which was organized with the assistance of WorldVision, was organized for the children of 'Thileepan preschool' on 03 March 2008. 24 preschool children and 20 other children received medical care at the medical clinic.
- ADO with the assistance of SEDOT provided 3000 'Palmyra yams' for each to prepare 'Odiyal – dried up yams' to 08 families at 2nd Canal and 08 families at Vanneri on 01 March 2007.
- Piles of paddy that had been harvested were eaten and ruined by wild elephants at Akkarayan. That paddy, with rice, had been piled by the farmers prior to being threshed to separate the rice from the straw/stalk as there is heavy off season rain.
- The Saving Group meeting was held by ADO at Vinayagar Kudiyiruppu on 07 March 2008.
- The paddy harvested by people living at Pannankandy and Udainthakandy who fall under the poverty line was negatively affected by the heavy rain over the last several days.



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- Stationary items were provided to Ilanankai and Luxmi Saving Groups by KNDO while implementing a project with the funding of Oxfam.
- KNDO, with the assistance of FORUT, selected beneficiaries for a livelihood project by conducting home visits, interviews and assessments.
- A needs assessment survey for a livelihood project was conducted by KNDO with the support of an iNGO at Navalnagar village.
- KNDO, with the assistance of SCISL, conducted interviews with persons who were displaced in September of 2007 to ascertain what humanitarian assistance they were receiving.
- KNDO, with the assistance of CARE – International, provided timber for the construction of temporary shelters for 07 beneficiary families living at Paranthan.
- Registration of IDPs from the Madhu area at a new Transitional Accommodation Centre (TAC) / IDP Camp was performed by RRDO on 03 March 2008 camp management.
- The Executive Committee meeting of PDRO was held at Poonakary on 04 March 2008.
- A needs assessment for Arasapuram Village was conducted by PDRO with the assistance of WorldVision on 06 March 2008.
- The meeting of the “Savings Groups” was held by PDRO at the following locations: Sekkalai Thamilmalar, Sempankunru Esaiyarivan on 04 March 2008; Pallay Siththivinayagar on 05 March 2008; and Jeyapuram Kathitoli on 06 March 2008.
- The memorial was held for TNA Member of Parliament, K. Sivanesan, who was assassinated by SL Army-Deep Penetration Unit on 06 March 2008.
- A demonstration, where an effigy of President Mahinda Rajapakse was burnt, was held by the people of Uruthrapuram on 07 March 2008 to protest against the killing of Tamil civilians by the SL Armed Forces.
- A meeting for the Uruthrapuram Women Savings Groups was organized by TRRO on 07 March 2008.
- An event was held by the staff of TRRO at its office to honour and bid farewell to its former coordinator on 01 March 2008.
- The meeting of Preschool Divisional Structure was held by TTRO on 01 March 2008.
- TRRO selected 59 beneficiaries at Tharani Kudiyiruppu to provide livelihood items.
- On 03 March 2008 KPDO, with the assistance of SCiSL, discussed the needs of the IDP children (those under 18 years of age) living in Kariyalainagapaduvan, Kumulamunai, Pallavarayankaddu and Nachchikkuda Villages. They had been displaced from Mannar in September 2007.
- KPDO, with the assistance of WorldVision, had consultations on 05 March 2008 with IDPs in the KPDO operational area regarding the construction of temporary shelters.
- KPDO, with the assistance of CARE – International, on 06 March 2008 provided 16 families Rs. 3150 (US\$ 31.50) each for the construction of temporary shelters.
- KPDO staff, with assistance from iNGO staff, held a meeting to conduct a health awareness programme for the people of Kariyalainagapaduvan on 06 March 2008.



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b. The prices of essential goods

Price of Essential Goods – Kilinochchi District			
No	Name of goods	Vanni Prices (SL Rs.)	Colombo Prices (SL Rs)
1	Rice	30.00	
2	Flour	80.00	
3	Sugar	70.00	
4	Dhal	90.00	
5	Carrot	100.00	
6	Green chilly	150.00	
7	Brinjal (aubergine)	60.00	
8	Moog bean	100.00	
9	Potatoes	90.00	
10	Tomatoes	60.00	
11	Onion	160.00	
12	Cabbage	140.00	
13	Kerosene	110.00	70.00
14	Petrol	650.00	127.00
15	Milking powder	287.00	
16	Coconut	20.00	
17	Soap	28.00	
18	Bread	37.00	
19	Fish	240.00	
20	Coconut Oil	140.00	

c. Social welfare activities

- KDRRO helped by providing rented chairs to S.Tharmarasa for his daughter's funeral. Mr. Tharmarasa lives under the poverty line in Ratnapuram.
- KDRRO provided 05Kg rice and 03Kg dhal to S.Rajeshvari who was displaced from Mannar and is living under the poverty line at Barathipuram.
- KERO provided learning materials worth of Rs. 125 (US\$ 1.25) to U. Thevaki of Ramanathapuram.
- KERO provided Rs. 2000 (US\$20) to KN/Vattakachchi M.V. School and Rs. 1000 (US\$10) to KN/Alakapuri M.V School to buy "prizes" to be awarded at their annual sports meet.
- KERO provided food items worth of Rs. 1000 (US\$10) to S.Sumuthra of Vattakachchi.
- KNDO gave Rs. 5000 (US\$50) as relief to K.Suthakaran who is a university student from a family living under the poverty line at Periyakulam.



Bicycle donated by TRO to a student of Kilinochchi Central College



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- KNDO provided food and non-food relief items (NFRI) worth of Rs. 3884 (US\$ 38.84) to Y. Seethamani, living at Kandavalai.
- KNDO provided food items at worth of Rs. 1540 (US\$ 15.40) to S. Manimekalai of Paranthan.
- RRDO provided Rs. 500 (US\$50) and 01 packet of Anchor milk powder to Mrs. Puvaneshvari, the mother of a malnourished baby, living at Rayan Kudiyiruppu.
- RRDO donated the following items as prizes for the annual sports meet at KN/Uniyankulam G.T.M. School: 04 drinking bottles, 15 exercise books, and 03 compass instruments.
- PDRO provided 25Kg Rice, 05Kg Sugar and 01 packet of Nestomalt milk powder to Mr.K.Sivanesan whose child was sick and is living under the poverty line at Sekkalai.
- PDRO provided packets of milk powder to 02 sick persons living at 4th Mile at Poonakary.
- KPDO provided 325 cadjans for the Patients Care Centre of Mulankavil hospital on 03 March 2008.
- KPDO evaluated the project activities implemented with the funding of CARE – International on 07 March 2008.

d. Preschool activities

- KDRRO provided nutrition food items to 'Kalhi preschool' on 05 March 2008.
- KPDO organized the Parents - Teacher Association meetings of the Pre Schools in its division.



Pre school teacher training programme - Kilinochchi



Lottery for Pre school teachers Salary held by PSEDC

II. Mullaitivu District

a. Situation Report

- MPWS with the financial assistance of CARE International constructed 41 temporary shelters for people affected by air strikes at Uppumaveli village. Timber for 30 shelters was purchased, roofing (Koppisam) for 20 shelters were made, 41 bundles of cadjan were purchased, and 47 loads of bricks were also brought to the site.



Social mobilization and formation Socio-Economic Development Committees in Vanni



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- MPWS with the financial assistance of NECDEP constructed a Common Purpose Hall at Koyitkudiyiruppu. After constructing the super structure 4 doors and windows were fitted.
- MPWS held a discussion to select the socio – economic development committees and prepared the Village Development Plans for Kumulamunai West, Thannimurippu, Selvapuram and Mullaitivu villages.
- Assistance provided to IDPs displaced from Trincomalee.

No	Name	ID No	Permanent address	Temporary address	Given the relief items
01	K.Kamaleshvaran	03	6 th ward, Kumpurupiddi, Trincomalee	2 nd ward, Kompavil, Puthukudiyiruppu.	Clothes, cooking utensils

- NEDRO provided non food relief items (NFRI) worth of Rs. 4500 (US\$ 45) for each family to 200 families at Manthuvil village, 114 families at Ananthapuram and 30 families at Sivanagar affected by recent heavy rain.
- A needs assessment survey identified the need for temporary shelters, food items, NFRI and learning materials for the school children in the Visuvamadu area.
- A discussion regarding the security of the people in the prevailing war situation was conducted at Udaiyarkaddu South.
- A meeting was held at Udaiyarkaddu to discuss the subject of gender balance.

b. The prices of essential goods

Price of Essential Goods – Mullaitivu District		
No	Name of goods	price of goods
1	Sugar 1 Kg	70.00
2	Fish 1 Kg	250.00
3	Kerosene 1 litre	110.00
4	Petrol 1 litre	600.00
5	Rice	30.00
6	Flour	70.00
7	Milk food	287.00
8	Soap	30.00

c. Social welfare activities

- Tarpaulin was provided by TRRO to M. Yokanathan who lost his house. He lives at 10th ward, Puthukudiyiruppu.
- Tarpaulin was also provided by TRRO to S. Thevemalar who lives under poverty line at 10th ward of Puthukudiyiruppu and whose house needed repair after several years of usage.
- TRRO provided the NFRI worth of Rs. 3000 (US\$ 30) to A. Merivasantha, living under the poverty line at 10th ward, Puthukudiyiruppu.
- TRRO provided the NFRI worth of Rs. 2500 (US\$ 25) to K. Anton Devidsan who is a differently able living at 7th ward, Puthukudiyiruppu.



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d. Preschool activities

- TRO paid the salaries of Pre School teachers:
 - Rs. 2000 (US\$ 20) per teacher for 11 teachers
 - Rs. 3000) per teacher for 07 teachers
 - Rs. 2500) per teacher for 05 teachers
 - Rs. 1300 (US\$ 13)) per teacher for 2 teachers
- The Parent-Teacher meetings for Siva and Ramesh Pre Schools were held.
- An “awareness discussion” for pre school children’s parents was held at the new housing project at Udaiyarkaddu.

III. Jaffna District

a. Situation Report

- A father of 3 children, Mr. Kumar, was killed by an artillery barrage launched by SLA military based in Nagar Kovil on 29th February 2008 when he went to see his abandoned house.
- Paddy cultivation was severely affected due to a shortfall of rainfall in this area.
- Fishermen have restarted prawn cultivation activities in the Chundikulam lagoon from 09th March, 2008 – prior to that this activity had been suspended due to the security situation.
- Many people who were displaced to other districts have returned to Vadamaratchi East and have started their lives in secure coastal areas. These IDPs chose to settle in these areas so that they could return to their livelihoods: ocean fishing.
- The Palmyra and Coconut Development Cooperative Society shifted from Maruthankerni when displacement occurred and established its functions at Puliyanpokkanai, Kandawalai AGA division in Kilinochchi District. Now, in order to better provide services to the affected people and for the benefit of its staff it has recommenced its activities at Kervil in Vadamaratchi East close to the settlements of displaced people.
- Samurthy Project was so far being suspended after military offensive operations and displacement. Now for the reason of recovering the loans provided to the people and for providing new micro credits for livelihood income generation activities Samurthy Project has restarted its activities in Vadamarachchi East.

b. Prices of essential items

Price of Essential Goods – Jaffna District		
No	Name of goods	price of goods in Rs.
1.	Sugar	73.00
2.	Flour	84.00
3.	Rice - red	34.00
4.	Rice - white	20.00



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5.	Coconut oil	150.00
6.	Diesel	250.00
7.	Kerosene - 1 litre	120.00
8.	Petrol - 1 litre	650.00

c. Projects

1. Roads

18 km of road renovation work from Kervil to Chundikulam has been completed. The balance 5 ½ KM road from Chundikulam to Chalai has been completed with funding of Seva Lanka Foundation and has been handed over to the people for use.

2. Schools

Under military threats and in an unstable environment the 2008 syllabus is being carried out by schools which have been re-located to new areas. Vettilaikerni RCTM School is now functioning at Chundikulam without basic facilities. In order to provide basic hygiene facilities VEDRO – a local NGO has built 4 toilets and 1 well with funding from Oxfam.

3. Pre schools

Before military offensive operations, which started in the area on 11 August 2006, 19 pre schools were functioning. Now 8 pre schools have been restarted in the places they were displaced to: Kurusady, Thoduvai, Katpadu, Kervil North and Nithiyaveddai. None of the pre schools meet the minimum standards for a pre school. With funding of OXFAM, VEDRO 5 pre schools, a toilet and a well. In these pre school compounds bunkers have been built for the children to take cover from artillery and aerial attacks. On 26 February 2008 an election was held for the Executive Committee of Divisional Structure of Pre School Education Development Centre (PSEDC). The new EC was elected with the parents' participation. EC monthly meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of a month.

4. Toilets – Progress Summary

No.	Location	No. of toilets	Status
1.	Chundikulam School	4	Completed
2.	Pre schools	5	Completed
3.	Multi Purpose Cooperative Society	1	Completed
4.	Common Hall	1	Completed
5.	IDP settlement - Kattaikadu	10	Completed
6.	IDP settlement - Katpadu	8	70%

The work is continuing to complete all the toilets.



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5. Health

A 24 hour Mobile clinic run by the Thileepan Hospital Service is continuing without interruption despite many difficulties due to the war situation.

IV. Vavuniya District

a. Situation Report

- The incessant launching of artillery shells by SL Army on residential areas at Nedunkerny and Puliyanukulam has caused panic among the population. On 04 March 2008 the SL Army artillery shells targeted fell near public civilian areas of Paddikudiyiruppu and Marothodai. As a result the people of that area immediately displaced to the Keerisuddan and Olumadu areas.
- Member of Parliament (MP) Mr. K. Sivanesan and his driver were assassinated in a claymore attack by the SLA – Deep Penetration Unit at Kollar, Puliyanukulam between Mankulam and Kanakarayanukulam at 01.20 pm on 06 March 2008. Mr. Sivanesan was returning to the Vanni from Vavuniya after attending a Parliamentary session when the targeted attack happened. A school child aged 11 was also seriously injured in this attack.
- The election for the board of directors of NDRO held on 07 March 2008. In this election, Vavuniya district director of TRO, the principal of V/Nedunkerny M.V, AO of Vavuniya North AGA office and the office bearers of socio-economic development committees of Nedunkerny area participated.
- There is heavy rain experienced at Nedunkerny and Kanakarayanukulam. So the paddy harvests were so affected.
- The people of Kollar Puliyanukulam village participated in VDRO's Social Mobilization activities. After the awareness programme 09 parents agreed to send their children to Manimehalai Pre School, which is close to their houses, on 10 March 2008.
- The Disaster Management Committee at the village level made home visits to B. Kudiyiruppu, Periyakulam on 09 March 2008. The following issues were identified by those in the villages who participated: Some have no birth or marriage certificates, no latrines, no healthy wells and some children don't attend schools. The President of the Disaster Management Committee, TRO project coordinator, VDRO coordinator, VDRO staff and school students participated in these home visits.
- A meeting to elect a steering committee for a project to coordinate high land cultivation and sewing training was held. This was chaired by VDRO area coordinator of Uruthran kudiyiruppu at Mannakulam on 10 March 2008. The meeting was attended by Vavuniya TRO District Director, FORUT Field Officer, VDRO Coordinator and 32 beneficiaries of the project.
- 50 temporary shelters are being constructed by NDRO with the assistance of Oxfam at Nedunkerny and Nainamadu villages. 25 shelters at Nedunkerny and 25 at Nainamadu.
- 50 temporary shelters are being constructed by VDRO with the assistance of Oxfam at Kanakarayanukulam.



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- NEDRO with the assistance of Oxfam constructed 02 common wells. In this project a well at Sooduventhan was completed for the benefit of 16 families who utilize this well daily. A suitable place for the 2nd well is yet to be identified.
- NEDRO, with the assistance of Oxfam, selected beneficiaries for the construction of 25 temporary toilets.
- The book '*Erumoli Pesum*' authored by Mr. Oviyanathan was published in a grand ceremony at V/Kanakarayankulam M.V. School on 13 March 2008.
- On 13 March 2008 AGA officer and GS of Sooduvaithan Village monitored the project activities done by VDRO with the financial assistance of Oxfam.
- An inaugural meeting for commencing sewing training by VDRO with the financial assistance of FORUT was chaired by the VDRO project coordinator on 14 March 2008. The steering committee for the training was selected. The meeting was attended by Vavuniya TRO District Director, representatives of FORUT, VDRO coordinators, TRO project coordinators and Social Mobilization teams.

b. Prices of essential items

Prices of essential goods – Vavuniya District			
No.	Name of goods	Nedunkerny Market	Kanakarayankulam Market
1	Brinjal (Aubergine)	20	60
2	Ladies finger (okra)	30	30
3	Beet root	80	60
4	Carrot	60	-
5	Green chillies	75	80
6	fish	230	240
7	Moong bean	30	60
8	Greens	10	10
9	Cabbage	35	40

c. Paper News

- The people presently living at Vellankulam and Paliyaru who were displaced from Mahdu and Manthai West of Mannar are facing more and more difficulties as they are without basic facilities due to the off season rainfall that the area is now experiencing. Many of them have not been provided temporary shelters yet. So some families, who have children and infants, are unable to cook daily meals without a shelter which would give privacy and protection against the elements
- School children also could not go to the school because they lost the necessary learning materials and uniforms as a result of being displaced.
- The common well at Vattapallai junction is polluted and is in an unsafe condition because its retaining wall is only ½ feet high / above ground level. As a result it has become polluted by animal waste and falling leaves from the trees.
- An important disaster preparedness discussion concerning providing humanitarian services within the Mulankavil area when a disaster strikes and displacements occur and means to



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mobilize volunteers and camp manager was organized by PMDO on 04 March 2008. Local NGOs and other stakeholders participated.

- TRO provided Rs. 50,000 (US\$ 500) to assist with the burial of the persons killed by SLAF at Kiranchi.
- It was decided at a meeting to provide Rs. 800 (US\$ 8) monthly relief funds for each child below 18 years age who was displaced with their families from Mannar. This payment will be initially made for 4 months.
- The harassment by poisonous bees has increased at common markets in Thanneeruttu and Mullaiyavalai. This has caused fear among the market goers.
- A local organization, with the support of the Poonakary AGA's office, provided the following relief items: mosquito nets, milk powder and learning materials. They were donated by CHA to the displaced people from Mannar.
- NFRI were provided by NEDRO with the assistance of WorldVision to 344 families affected by heavy rain on 07 March 2008. The victims are living at Aananthapuram, Manthuvil and Sivanagar.
- Poonakary fishermen's co-operative society gave Rs. 50,000 (US\$ 500) to a baby who is a heart patient living at Iranaimathanagar.
- A discussion meeting on child friendly camps, child development groups and child security groups was held on 08 March 2008 at Parathipuram.



Displaced after an artillery shell struck her house at Thadshanamaruthamadu



Transport provided by TRO for IDPs



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List of Acronyms

ADO	Akkarayan Development Organization
AGA	Assistant Government Agent
CHA	Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies
DPU	Deep Penetration Unit
DS	District Secretariat
FORUT	a Nordic NGO
IDP(s)	Internally Displaced Person(s)
KDRRO	Kilinochchi Development Refugee Rehabilitation Organization
KERO	Kilinochchi East Rehabilitation Organization
KNDO	Karachchi North Development Organization
KPDO	Kilinochchi – Paranthan Development Organization
MP	Member of Parliament
MPWS	Mullai People Welfare Society
NDRO	Community Based Organization
NECDEP	North East Coastal Community Development Project
NEDRO	Nedunkerni Development Rehabilitation Organization
NFRI	Non Food Relief Items
PDRO	Poonakari Development Rehabilitation Organization
PMDO	Poonakari Mulankavil Development Organization
PSEDC	Pre School Education Development Centre
RRDO	Rural Rehabilitation Development Organization
SCISL	Save the Children in Sri Lanka
SEDOT	Community Based Organization
SLA	Sri Lanka Army
SLAF	Sri Lanka Air Force
TNA	Tamil National Alliance
TRO	Tamils Rehabilitation Organization
TRRO	The Refugee Rehabilitation Organization
VEDRO	Vadamarachchi East Development & Rehabilitation Organization