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Vanni displacement update– Release date 8 August 2008

This report is the latest update to the massive displacement that is currently taking place in the Vanni area due to artillery shells exploding in and near people's homes. This report provides the updated statistics on the displacement within the Vanni area since 2006. The tally of the statistics NESoHR released in June is also included so that the scale of displacement during the intervening period can be seen. Indeed, 70,800 people registered with the Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu District Secretariats between 1 June and 28 July, 2008 as IDPs.

We have also provided statistics on the quantity of essential items brought into Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu districts during this year showing the very low quantities of these items that have reached the two districts. This is causing enormous difficulties in providing relief to the IDPs.

Displacement statistics

The map shows the movement of the displaced within Vanni from four different regions since direct clashes began in 2006. It shows four areas of displacement in four colors that are caused by the Sri Lankan military stationed in four different parts. The displacement statistics is provided to match these regions with breakdown to Additional GA Divisions.



Displacement pattern in Vanni from 2006

The latest displacements throughout the Tamil homeland makes the Tamil people, with a thirty year history of repeated displacements, distraught because they have renovated, built and developed their homes and land during the ceasefire period with much hope. The loss of property for the people is enormous.

Vanni Displacement Statistics up to end of July 2008							
AGA Division	No of displaced persons	No of displaced students	No of displaced schools	Cultivation abandoned (HA)	Livestock abandoned	Killed by SLA attacks	Injured by SLA attacks
Total as at end of May 2008	83515	17981	108	20630	23667	168	256
Poonahari	23455	5948	29	4953	31332	15	26
Pachchilaipalli	10433	2462	13	7210	7948	20	26
Vadamar- east	7671	1124	12	small scale	not known	2	7
Maritimepattu	5000	909	5	2657	1176	7	83
Oddusuddan	2000	150	0	15		24	7
Musali	4000	1177	8	1260	2315	19	2
Manthai west	22102	3944	25	7585	9910	30	70
Madu	7300	2430	13	2133	6506	43	37
Manthai east	16577	2158	14	2505	16364	3	10
Thunukkai	17092	5550	19	2225	30631	3	12
Vav-North	14493	2565	22	7030	5901	17	21
Total as at end of July	130123	28417	160	37573	112083	183	299

Convoy problem and other restrictions

The second biggest problem facing the people is the delay and even difficulties in providing to the IDPs the basic essentials. The displacement, although anticipated by the humanitarian agencies, has not been well managed due to the restrictions imposed by the Sri Lanka Government on taking essential items into Vanni. The Table, “Convoy problem in detail”, below shows the low quantities of five very basic items that have reached the Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu districts.

Problems facing the healthcare services and livelihood assistance programs due to restrictions on other items being taken into Vanni were described in two other NESoHR reports published in June.

A woman’s group in Vanni recently informed NESoHR that sanitary pads for the IDP women that were being brought by an international agency was turned back by the Sri Lanka military at the Omanthai checkpoint.

The Convoy problem in detail

Month	Quantity requested by Kilinochchi GA	Quantity requested by Mullaitivu GA	Total requested by the two Gas	Total approved by CGES	Total received in Vanni by the two GAs	Total brought into Vanni by WFP	Shortfall for the six months	Shortfall as a % of the total amount requested by the two Gas
Sugar in Metric Tons								
Jan	350	313	663	663	179	248		
Feb	350	313	663	313	293	20		
Mar	350	313	663	663	536	0		
April	350	313	663	663	513	74		
May	350	313	663	663	373	20		
June	350	0	350	350	578	30		
Total			3665	3315	2472	392	801	22%
Lentils in Metric Tons								
Jan	350	26	376	376	12	185		
Feb	350	26	376	26	8	131		
Mar	350	26	376	376	10	95		
April	350	26	376	376	22	0		
May	250	26	276	276	5	58		
June	250	0	250	250	12	11		
Total			2030	1680	69	480	1481	73%
Milk Powder in Metric Tons								
Jan	150	217	367	367	22.7			
Feb	150	217	367	217	50.2			
Mar	150	217	367	367	61.5			
April	150	217	367	317	23.2			
May	100	217	317	317	27.4			
June	100	0	100	100	16.5			
Total			1885	1685	201.5	0	1683.5	89%
Kerosene in Litres								
Jan	6,00,000	8,00,000	1400000	1300000	1300000			
Feb	6,00,000	8,00,000	1400000	1300000	1300000			
Mar	6,00,000	8,00,000	1400000	1000000	1000000			
April	6,00,000	8,00,000	1400000	1100000	1100000			
May	6,00,000	8,00,000	1400000	1100000	1000000			
June	7,00,000	7,00,000	1400000	1100000	900000			
Total			8400000	6900000	6600000		1800000	20%