

This report covers the period from 26 to 27 May 2009. The next report will be issued on or around 29 May.

I. Highlights

- The UN Human Rights Council special session to discuss the human rights situation in Sri Lanka that started on 26 May is running into its second day.

II. Access & Security

- Discussions are ongoing between Government authorities and humanitarian organizations, to address access issues to Menik Farm in Vavuniya. Limited movements continue in zone 4 to support the erection of tents, ongoing sanitation work and food distribution.

III. Situation Overview

IDPs		
During the period 27 October 2008 to 26 May 2009		289,915 persons crossed to the Government controlled areas from the conflict zone. This represents an increase of 3,194 IDPs since the last report (Sitrep No.17) on 25 May 2009. The increase is mainly due to improved, systematic registration being undertaken in the camps.
Vavuniya Camps:	269,417 ¹	287,598 people are accommodated in temporary camps.
Mannar Camps:	398 ²	
Jaffna Camps:	11,086 ³	
Trincomalee Camps:	6,697	
Hospitals:		2,317⁴ IDPs (injured and care givers) are in hospitals in various districts ⁵ as of 18 May 2009.
RELEASES		
Vavuniya Camps:	1,489	1,537 people have been released from temporary camps into host families and elders' homes as of 21 May 2009. The majority of these people are elderly, mentally challenged individuals and other vulnerable groups.
Mannar Camps:	5	
Jaffna Camps:	43	

IV. Humanitarian Response

Food

- In Vavuniya, on 26 May the NGO consortium reported that it provides cooked meals to 55,816 individuals from 21 IDP sites in the district.
- In Vavuniya on 26 May WFP reported that a total of 1,785,165MT of basic food items were provided to all IDPs sites in the district during the period 1 to 23 May.
- In Trincomalee, communal cooking has commenced at Sahanagama IDP site – plot 1 and complimentary food is available for the current caseload of 4,403 individuals until the end of June.

¹ Source: Government, UNHCR (Vavuniya) and Divisional Secretary Vavuniya (DS VA)

² Source: Assistant Project Director Office (PDA Office Kachcheri)

³ Source: GA office (Jaffna)

⁴ Source: Programme Coordinator (GH Trincomalee)

⁵ This includes General Hospital Trincomalee, Base Hospital Kanthalai, Peripheral Unit Thampalakamam, Field Hospital Pulmoddai, Base Hospital Padaviya, National Hospital Colombo, Teaching Hospital Kandy, Cancer Hospital Maharagama, General Hospital Polonnaruwa, and General Hospital Mannar. Missing data for the hospitals of Vavuniya and some other locations is estimated at 1,500 people.

Shelter

- In Vavuniya as of 25 May, 2,311 tents were erected by humanitarian actors in Menik Farm zone 4.
- In Trincomalee, as of 26 May, ZOA Refugee Care completed 175 emergency shelters in Sahanagama plot 2 and 75 are under construction.

WASH

- In Vavuniya, a joint assessment on water needs was conducted by UNICEF and Industrial Services Bureau (ISB) in Vavuniya General Hospital and Cheddikulam Base Hospital. As a result, two water treatment units will be installed to provide clean water to specialist surgical and pediatric wards in these hospitals.

V. Communication / Advocacy

- On 26 May, Mr. John Holmes, ERC, and Mr. Lynn Pasco, USG for Political Affairs, briefed media in New York on the Secretary-General's recent visit to Sri Lanka. Mr. Holmes said the SG was "able to see for himself that, while a lot has been done in terms of providing basic services, there is still a long way to go in areas like shelter." "The basic conditions of life are being met", he said, "but there's quite a lot of progress to go."
- On 26 May, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navanethem Pillay, called for an international investigation into attacks on civilians during the final stages of the conflict.

VI. Funding / CHAP

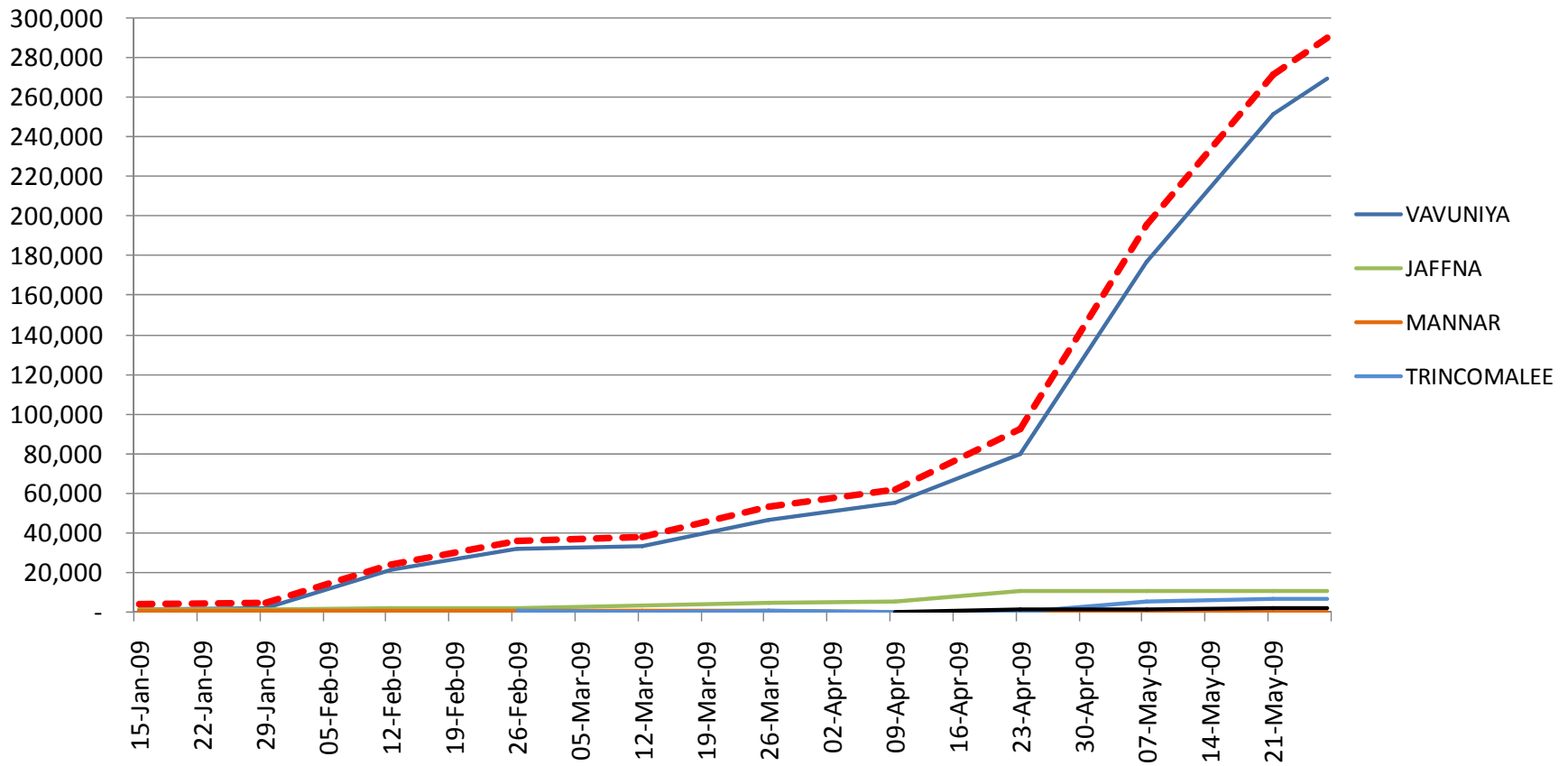
- As of 27 May, the 2009 CHAP for Sri Lanka is 39 percent funded, with US\$ 60,776,039 received out of the \$155,112,669 required. In addition, \$26,868,819 has been pledged by various donors, which would bring the level of funding up to 56 percent once the contributions are received.

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Aerial view of Menik Farm zones 1 and 2 where over 120,000 IDPs are accommodated.
In total the Menik Farm sites accommodate over 225,000 IDPs

**IDP Arrivals/Registrations in Jaffna, Vavuniya, Mannar, Trincomalee Districts and other locations
as of 26 May 2009**

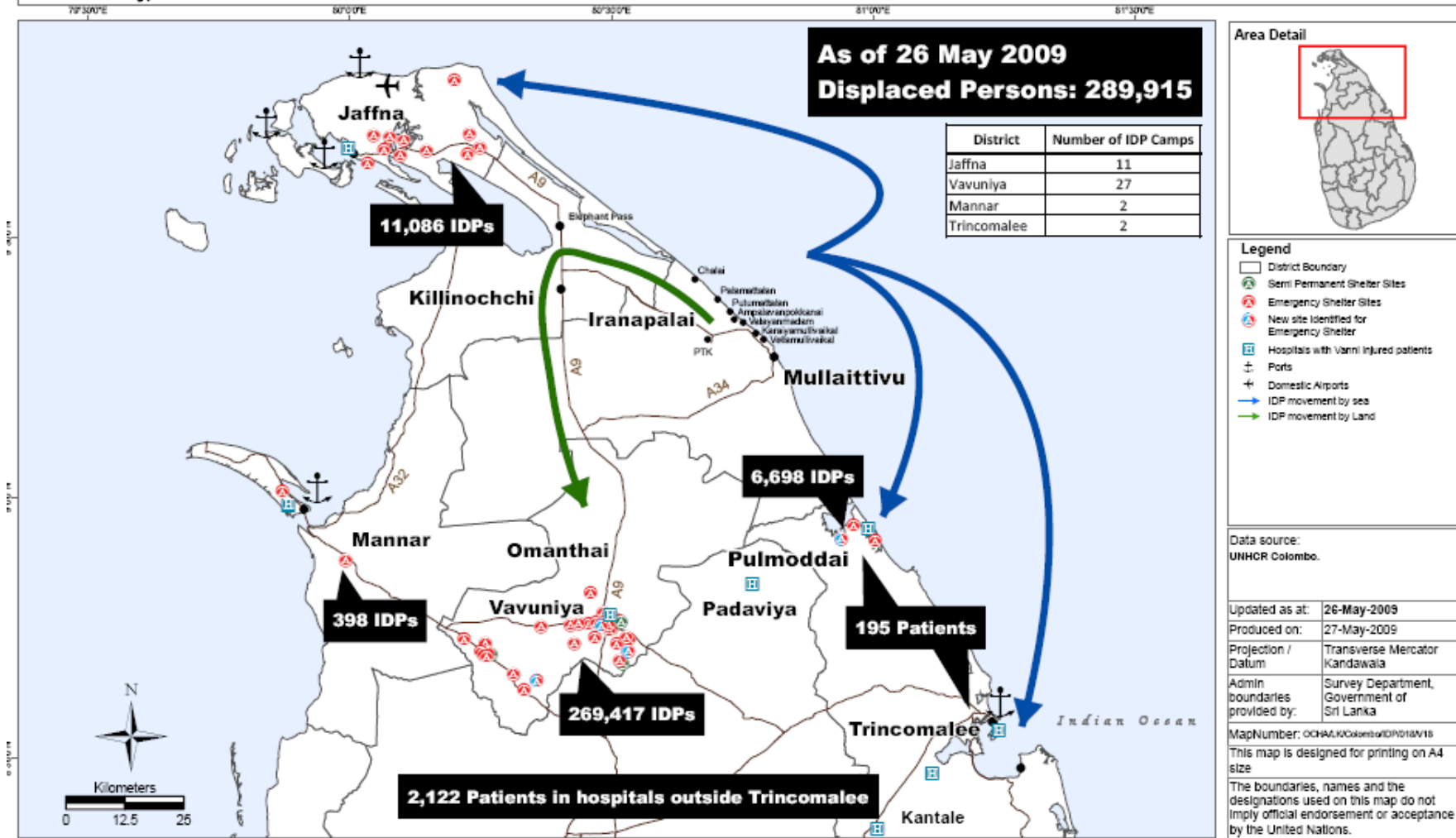


OTHER HOSPITALS - National Hospital Colombo, Teaching Hospital Kandy, Cancer Hospital Maharagama, General Hospital Polonnaruwa, Base Hospital Padaviya, General Hospital Mannar
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Vanni IDP Movements

As of 26 May, 2009

Northern Area



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