

Joint Humanitarian Update

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JAFFNA, KILINCHCHI, MULLAITIVU, MANNAR, VAVUNIYA, and TRINCOMALEE DISTRICTS Report # 01 | 03 – 10 July 2009

The Joint Humanitarian Update will now be released weekly. This new format replaces the Vanni Emergency Update and the former fortnightly Joint Humanitarian Update.

Displacement after October 2008 - IDP situation as reported by GAs as of 15 July

IDPs		
During the period 27 October 2008 to 10 July 2009		282,380 persons crossed to the Government controlled areas from the conflict zone.
Vavuniya Camps:	260,039 ¹	278,051 people are accommodated in temporary camps.
Mannar Camps:	225 ²	
Jaffna Camps:	10,956 ³	
Trincomalee Camps:	6,831 ⁴	
Hospitals:		4,329 ⁵ IDPs (injured and care givers) are in hospitals in various districts ⁶ as of 21 June 2009.
RELEASES		
Vavuniya Camps:	5,303	5,483 people have been released from temporary camps into host families and elders' homes as of 18 June 2009. The majority of these people are elders, people with learning disabilities and other vulnerable groups.
Mannar Camps:	17	
Jaffna Camps:	163	

Cumulative data on displacement - Situation as reported by GAs as of 15 July

Location	IDPs		RETURNEES	
	Number of Families	Number of Individuals	Number of families	Number of individuals
Jaffna	21,643 displaced before Dec 2005 5,500 displaced after Jan 2006	74,067 displaced before Dec 2005 18,651 displaced after Jan 2006	-	-
Kilinochchi	-	-	-	-
Mullaitivu	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	89,934	273,434	-	-
Mannar	91 ⁷	225	N/A	2,397
Trincomalee	3,408 ⁸	10,789	N/A	19,584
Batticaloa	1,295	5,044	N/A	118,685
Ampara	1,076	3,951	-	-

(* Returns accounted are for populations displaced after 2006)

¹ Source: Government Agent Vavuniya

² Source: Government Agent Mannar

³ Source: Government Agent Jaffna

⁴ Source: Government Agent Trincomalee

⁵ Source: Ministry of Health

⁶ This includes GH Vavuniya, BH Cheddikulam, BH Poovarasankulam, Pampainmadu Hospital, DGH Mannar, BH Kantale, BH Padaviya, BH Dambulla, GH Polonnaruwa, GH Hingurakgoda, TH Kurunagala, DH Medawachchiya

⁷ Source: by UNHCR as of 30 June

⁸ Source: Government Agent Trincomalee as at 30 June 2008

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I. Situation Overview & highlights

- On 07 July, the Sri Lankan Parliament extended the state of emergency by another month.
- On 09 July, an ICRC news release stated that following the cessation of active hostilities between the Sri Lankan State and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the Government of Sri Lanka had asked the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to scale down its operations in the country. The ICRC will initially scale down their operations in the East.
- Jordan Ryan, Assistant Secretary General, Assistant Administrator of UNDP and Director of the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) visited Sri Lanka last week. During this time, he visited Vavuniya and Jaffna to assess recovery programming possibilities for resettled populations and IDPs in the district.

JAFFNA

- The security situation remained calm and stable across the district. The SLA continues to conduct cordon and search operations and random checks. Local government election propaganda activities have commenced and are gradually becoming visible within Jaffna municipality areas.
- The Ceylon Electricity Board is now supplying electricity round the clock through Northern Power Ltd. but with some continued power disruptions.
- The daily curfew has been relaxed one hour and is now from 2300 hrs - 0400 hrs.
- Following the opening of the A9 road for private traders, prices of essential commodities have reduced. In addition, several private sector companies have taken steps to open branches in Jaffna.
- On 07 July, the Indian High Commissioner visited Jaffna on a two day mission and had discussions with government authorities and members of the Peace and Goodwill mission at the Bishop's House on issues faced by Jaffna citizens.

VAVUNIYA

- The GA Vavuniya reports that the SLA has given clearance for the planned return of 20,000 persons from 9 villages in North Vavuniya in the coming weeks. Additional information is awaited from civil authorities.

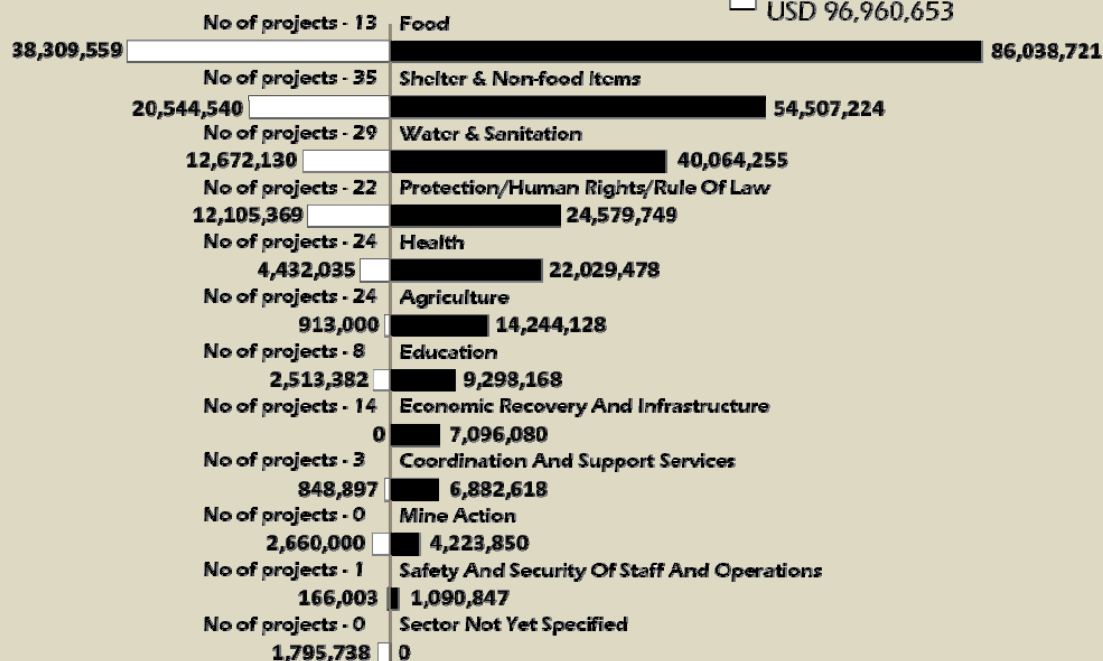
CHAP 2009 - Updated as of 13 July 2009

36 % funded

- Includes North and East operations
- Includes Early Recovery activities

■ Revised Funding requirements
USD 270,055,118

□ Funds Received
USD 96,960,653



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II. Cluster Overview & highlights

SHELTER / NFI / CAMP MANAGEMENT

- In Vavuniya, due to the approaching rainy season in September, the need for improved drainage and maintenance of shelters is a priority. The Competent Authority (CA) is enlisting support from the GA and local authorities to address these issues. Humanitarian Agencies are also considering contingency plans and resources to target priority areas.
- In Vavuniya, the timely maintenance of shelters is a concern, with a backlog due to resource and logistical constraints.
- In Vavuniya, progress on shelter construction in newly identified sites is as follows: Menik Farm zone 6A (66% complete), zone 6B (awaiting clearance by SLA), zone 7 (83% complete), zone 8 (15% tented, 1 block awaits site clearance). Alongside progress, delays in site clearance and handover of new sites are constraining UN/NGO activities including for surveyors and assessment teams.
- Three additional sites in Chinnachippikulam were identified for development as soon as zones 6A to 8 are completed.
- Planning of new and existing sites continues but with various challenges including coordination, safety concerns, etc. The CA has agreed in principle that additional facilities should not be built on the site without first confirming site suitability and having plotted site plans.
- Local authorities have announced plans to divide Menik Farm zone 2 into a number of smaller “villages” for security purposes. This will include the relocation of approx 20,000 persons, although plans for where these people will be accommodated have not yet been shared. Agencies participated in a working session with the SLA on 11 July to discuss parameters (security concerns by SLA, extended family and decongestion concerns by Agencies) and agree a way forward.
- The CA has requested support for materials for 1,600 shelters to be constructed by the SLA for ‘surrendees’. UNHCR is canvassing agencies that might be able to support with the consent of their donors.

NFI

- In Vavuniya, agencies have been allocated responsibility for NFI distributions in the newly established zone 5 - Menik Farm. Rapid assessments will take place prior to distribution.
- In Vavuniya, communal kitchens are in need of items such as large cooking pans. New communal kitchens recently set up are also reported to have inadequate numbers of NFIs. The Food Cluster has been requested to follow up.

WASH

- Of the 15,000 latrine target for current IDP sites 9,215 have been completed as of 13 July. In the last month alone, nearly 5,200 latrines were constructed.
- On average, a total of 4,400 cubic meters of water is currently available in all Vanni IDP sites, including 3,000 cubic meters of drinking water (10 l/person/day). However water coverage is not consistent across the zones within Manik Farm in Vavuniya resulting in some continuing gaps and significant waits for water collection.
- Provision of hygiene promotion is a growing concern given ongoing crowding of the sites, difficulties in obtaining morbidity and mortality data to support interventions to mitigate water-borne disease outbreaks and insufficient suitable land to build additional latrines

FOOD

- Individual food distribution continues in Menik Farm zones 1 and 3 as planned on Tuesdays and Fridays respectively. White rice, donated by the Japanese government, is being distributed to IDPs and is alternated with red rice.
- The first consignment of wheat flour (750MT) transported by rail from Trincomalee reached Vavuniya last week. WFP also plans to store food commodities inside Menik Farm for use during the rainy season. Containers are in place in the zones for storage.

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NUTRITION

- Twelve Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) have been constructed or are under construction and 2 teams of nutrition service providers are screening and providing assistance in Menik Farm zones 2, 3 & 4.
- On 08 July, the Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme was extended to zone 5.

HEALTH

- A disease surveillance mechanism has been set up in all IDP sites and hospitals and the provision of specialised medical services for IDPs continues.
- In Vavuniya, the Health Cluster reports an increase of meningitis cases among IDPs in Menik Farm. According to the RDHS, 18 patients have been transferred to hospitals outside the district for further treatment.
- Interim immunization guidelines for IDP settings have been developed as approved by the National Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases. Guidelines on maternal and child healthcare have also been developed.
- Some challenges faced by the Health cluster include the need for improved early detection of emerging diseases in IDP camps, the need for better information on non-communicable diseases and disabilities among IDPs, the need for improved water and sanitation standards and human resource constraints such as insufficient specialist coverage (eg. Obstetrics and Gynecology) as well as the need for additional paramedical staff.

EDUCATION

- Out of the 90,000 IDP children who require safe and secure learning spaces approximately 32,800 children are currently participating in education in 113 temporary learning spaces in Menik Farm, Jaffna and Trincomalee. A further 12,400 will benefit when 62 TLS are completed within the next few weeks. Construction of another 150 TLS is in the pipeline to benefit 30,000 additional students.
- Approximately 54,000 children have been provided with school material and stocks are available to support an additional 50,000 children as soon as TLS are completed.
- Approximately 34,000 school uniforms have been distributed to date in Menik Farm.
- Over 1,650 teachers have received teaching material to provide schooling in TLS.

CHILD PROTECTION

- In Vavuniya, a total number of 455 child surrendeers are currently in IDP centres. Last week 156 girls and 97 boys were transferred from Menik Farm IDP sites to Poonthoddam Cooperative Rehabilitation Centre.

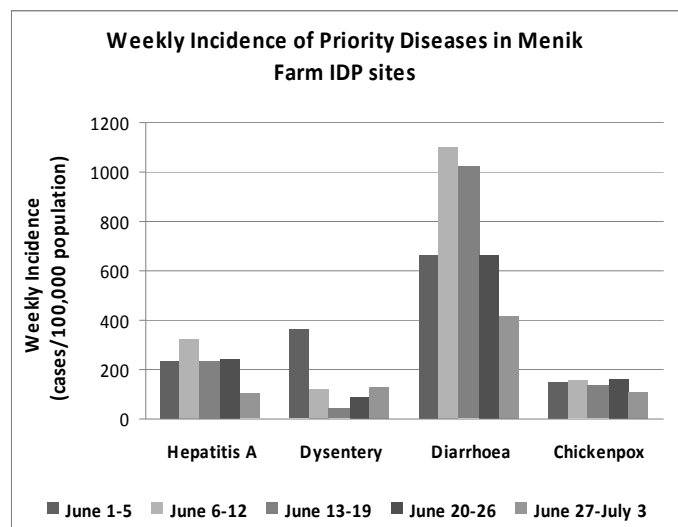
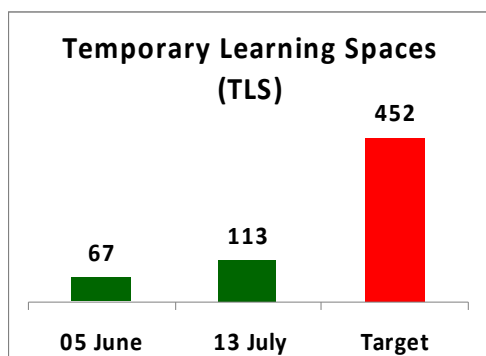
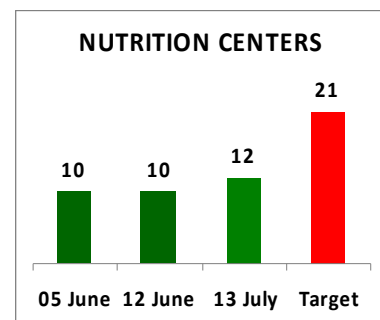
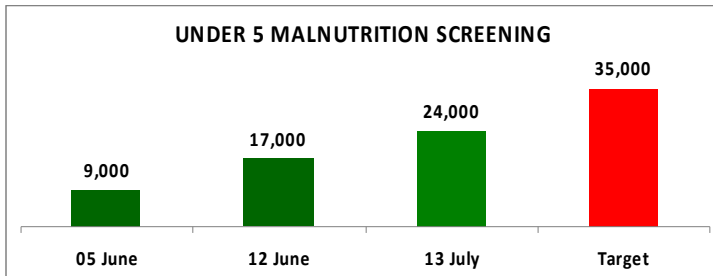
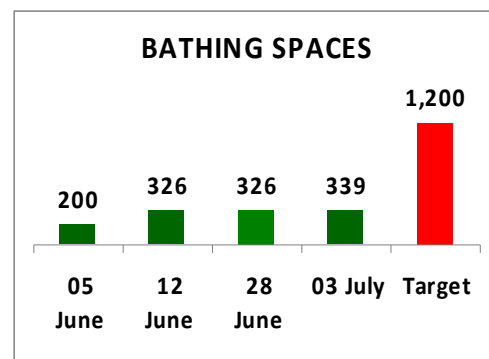
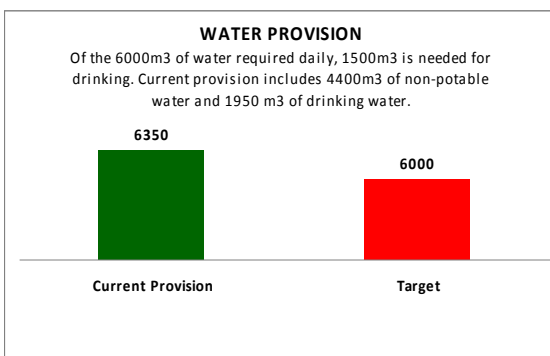
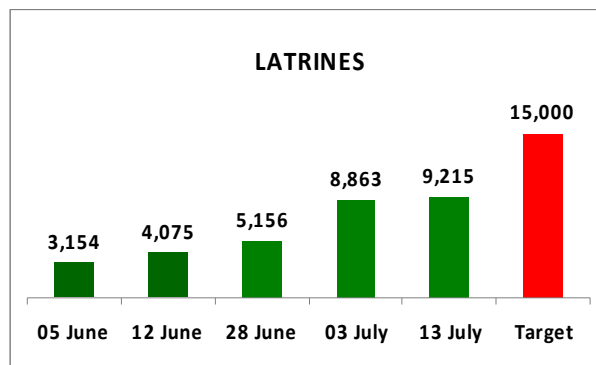
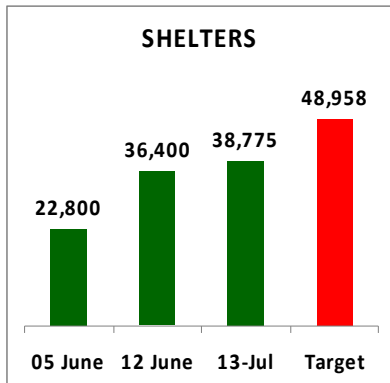
MINE ACTION

- The number of de-mining tasks completed in the Jaffna district has increased from 15 on 30 June to 36 as of 10 July. This includes emergency mine clearance for IDP shelters within the Chavacachcheri DS Division.
- On 06 July, the Sri Lanka Navy completed an underwater survey and clearance to enable the reconstruction of a bridge in Panichchankerny, Batticaloa.

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CLUSTERS' RESPONSE TO THE IDP SITUATION SINCE OCTOBER 2008



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JAFFNA DISTRICT			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
WASH	ZOA	Point Pedro D.S Division	03 toilets and 02 privacy cover for a well in Anaikuddy welfare centre and 03 privacy covers and 01 well in Supermadam welfare centre were repaired
		Thenmarachchi D.S Division	One well was repaired in Preschool in Katchai
Education	ZOA	Thenmarachchi D.S Division	Catch up education programme for G.C.E O/L students is being conducted with the support of Department of Education in Kodikamam GTMS
			Catch up education programme for G.C.E O/L students is being conducted with the support of Department of Education in Mirusuvil RCTMS
			Catch up education programme for G.C.E O/L students started with the support of Department of Education in Ramavil Welfare centre through Eluthumadduval GTMS.
	SCiSL	Thenmarachchi D.S Division	Catch up education programme for G.C.E O/L students is being conducted with the support of Department of Education in Kaithady Muthukumarashamy MV
Provided educational materials for 20 pre school children in the PRI welfare center SCiSL with partner organizations SOND and Shanthiham conducted 2 days of recreational activities with children in the Kaithady TLS			
Livelihood	ZOA	Point Pedro D.S Division	Distributed 10 pots with vegetable plants to 27 families for potted cultivation in Nilavankudiyiruppu welfare centre
		Point Pedro D.S Division	Donated a business package worth Rs 15,000 to 3 selected beneficiaries - 02 in Supermadam welfare centre and 01 in Sakoddai welfare centre.
		Karaveddy D.S Division	Distributed 10 pots with vegetable plants to 17 families for potted cultivation in Udupiddy South welfare centre
Capacity Building	CARE INTERNATIONAL (LIFT 2 Project)	Valikamam West (Chankanai), Valikamam East (Kopay) & Thenmaradchi (Chavakachcheri) D.S Divisions	6 Group meeting had been conducted at Valikamam East DS division.
			4 Group meeting had been conducted at Vakamam West (Chankanai) DS division.
			9 Group meeting had been conducted at Thenmarachchi (Chavakachcheri) DS division.
			2 staffs participated in the RedR – proposal writing, report writing two day work shop.

MANNAR & VAVUNIYA DISTRICTS			
Sector	Organization	Location	Activity
WASH	UNICEF with CECB, OXFAM, Sewalanka	Menik Farm zones 2,3,4,6A, Veerapuram and MKK	Completed construction of 1,553 latrines
		Cheddikulum Vavuniya	Completed construction of both shades in Cheddikulum and Vavuniya hospitals
	Cheddikulum Vavuniya		Partially installed two water treatment plants, one at each hospital), provided by UNICEF. Both plants have a total capacity of 5m ³ per hour and are expected to be operational next week.
	NWSD with UNICEF	Menik Farm zone 2	Commissioned 6 water treatment plants with a total capacity of 24m ³ per hour.
		Menik Farm zone 2	Installed a T95 tank provide by UNICEF. This is functional.
Nutrition	UNICEF with GoSL	Vavuniya	Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme continued in 12 established NRCs and 2 TFCs.
		Vavuniya	5 more NRCs are under construction with one kitchen each for preparation of UNIMIX.
	UNICEF with Sarvodaya	Menik Farm	Distributed 340 cartons of plumpy nut stocks to 12 NRP centers in Menik Farm.
	UNICEF	Menik Farm	Post natal wards are under construction in all zones of Menik Farm.
Child Protection	UNICEF with partners	Vavuniya	100 hygiene kits, 150 basins, 150 baskets, 100 bed sheets, 100 cotton towels and 100 mattresses provided to IDPs in the district.
	OCHA with UNICEF	Vavuniya	Producing reader-friendly maps for IDPs, including basic services and facilities for improving access and general orientation in the camps by the IDPs.

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Education	UNICEF	Menik Farm zone 3	24 facilitators oriented on how to conduct a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to identify children currently out of school. 14 FGDs subsequently conducted (7 with parents and 7 with the children).
	UNICEF	Menik Farm zone 1	Further FGD orientation done for newly selected facilitators.
	UNICEF	Sumathipuram & Darmapuram	Assessment conducted to identify children out of school and in need of support.
	UNICEF	Menik Farm zone 2	Psychosocial training programme completed for 270 teachers to facilitate mental therapy for children experiencing trauma
	UNICEF	Vavuniya	117 A level students from transit sites were allowed to participate in a special 25 day coaching seminar at the College of Education transit site.
	UNICEF with partners	Vavuniya	97 TLS completed. (Nearly 50% of total 216 under construction). Over 50,000 children to access these TLS.
Agriculture	FAO	Vavuniya and Mannar	A needs assessment and rehabilitation programme formulation team visited several IDP sites and held discussions with humanitarian organizations working in the livelihood sector.

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Acronyms		
ACLG - Assistant Commissioner Local Government	ECHO - Humanitarian Aid Department	PPCC - Professional Psycho-social Counseling Centre
ADGM - age, gender and diversity mainstreaming	EHESP - Emergency House Hold Economic Security Program	PHM - Public Health Midwives
AP - Anti-Personnel	EHI - Essential Household Items	PS - Pradeshiya Saba
ASC - Area Security Coordinator	EOD - explosive ordnance disposal	QIP - Quick Impact Project
AWF - Affected Women Forum	EVI - Extremely Vulnerable Individual	RDA - Road Development Authority
BAC - Battle Area Clearance	FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization	RDHS - Regional Directorate of Health Services
BCPR - Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery	FDL - Forward Defence Line	RDS - Rural Development Society
CA - Competent Authority	FFE - Food for Education	REERDO - Rural Economic, Education, Research and Development Organization
CBDRM - Community Based Disaster Risk Management	FFW - Food for Work	RSG - Representative of the Secretary General
CBI - Classroom Based Intervention	FSA - Field Security Advisor	RCTMS - Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed School
CBO - Community Based Organisations	FSD - Swiss Foundation for Mine Action	rwh - rain water harvesting
CBSM - Confidence Building and Stabilization Measures	GA - Government Agent	SAA - Small Arms Ammunition
CCHA - Consultative Committee on Humanitarian Assistance	GAA - German Agro Action	SAC - School Attendance Committee
CF - child friendly	GND - Grama Niladari Division	SBM - School Based Management
CFA - Cease Fire Agreement	GoSL - Government of Sri Lanka	SCC - Shelter Coordination Cell
CFE - Child Friendly Environment	GP - Guiding Principles	SCiSL - Save the Children in Sri Lanka
CM - Camp Management	GRC - German Red Cross	SDS - School Development Society
C&M - Care and Maintenance	GS - Grama Sevaka	SFP - School Feeding Programme
COC - Chamber of Commerce	GTMS - Government Tamil Mixed School	SLF - Sewa Lanka Foundation
CRADA - Centre for Rehabilitation of Alcoholics and Drug Addicts	GVC - Gruppo Volontariato Civile	SLMM - Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission
CRC - Child Rights Convention	HALO - Hazardous Area Life Support Organization	SLRCS - Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
CRDO - Community Resource Development Organisation	HRC - Human Rights Commission	SM - Social Mobilization
CSB - Corn Soya Blend	HSZ - High Security Zone	STF - Special Task Force
CTF - Community Trust Fund	IDP - Internally Displaced Persons	SOND - Social Organisation for Networking for Development
CWBC - Child Well-Being Committee	LEADS - Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service	SIYB - Start and Improve Your Business)
DAPH - Department of Animal Production and Health	LOLDDL - Land O' Lakes Dairy Development Lanka	TCCS - Thrift and Credit Co-op Societies
DDG - Danish De-mining Group	ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross	TDDA - Trincomalee District Development Association
DMAO - District Mine Action Offices	MA - Mine Action	TDH - Terre des hommes
DDMC - District Disaster Management Coordinator	MCN - Mother and Child Nutrition	TLS - Temporary Learning Space
DDMU - District Disaster Management Unit	MMIPE - Milinda Moragoda Institute For Peoples' Empowerment	ToT - Training of Trainers
DMU - Disaster Management Unit	MN - Manmunai North	TS - Temporary Shelter
DoA - Department of Agriculture	ZEO - Zonal Education Office	TMVP - Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal
DPDHS - Deputy Provincial Director of Health Services	MoD - Ministry of Defense	TP - Transition Programme
DPU - Deep Penetration Unit	MOH - Medical Officer of Health	UNDP - United Nations Development Programme
DRMU - Disaster Risk Management Unit	MRE - Mine Risk Education	UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
DRR - Disaster Risk Reduction	MSF - Doctors Without Borders	UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund
DSD - Divisional Secretariat Division	NECORD - North East Community Restoration Development	VEP - Village Emergency Preparedness
ECDC - Early Childhood Care and Development Centers	NFI - Non Food Items	VGf - Vulnerable Group Feeding
ECE - Early Childhood Education	NPA - Norwegian People Aid	VOSD - Voluntary Organization for Social Development
	NRP - Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme	WC - Welfare Center
	NWS&DB - National Water Supply Drainage Board	WV - World Vision
	OCHA - United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	WWDF - Working Women Development Foundation
		ZOA - Zoa Refugee Care - Netherlands

Abbreviations of places

Jaffna (Jaf)	Sirupp - Siruppiddy	Nana - Nanaddan	KP - Koralai Pattu (**Valachchenai)	Pala- Palameenmadu
Alank - Alankulai	Tell - Tellipalai	Umana - Umanakeri	EP - Eravur Pattu (**Chenk) DS	Kok - Kokkuvil
Chank - Chankanai	Then - Thenmaradchi	Rasool - Rasoolputhuveli	KPC - Koralai Pattu Central	Panich- Panichchankerny
Chava	Thiru - Thirunagar	Trincomalee (Trinco)	Kalu - Kaluwanchikudy	Mank - Mankerny
Chavakachcheri	Udu - Uduvil	Each - Eachchilampattai	Padd - Paddiruppu	Paddip - Paddipalai
Guru - Gurunagar	Uyara - Uyarapulam	Kuch - Kuchchaveli	Vavuna - Vavunatheevu	Ampara (Amp)
Kara - Karaveddy	Vada - Vadamaradchi	Kilive - Kililveddy	Valach - Valachchenai	Akka - Akkaraipattu
Karai - Karainagar	Valik SW - Valikamam South	Batticaloa (Batti)	Kodu - Koduwamadu	Kal - Kalmunai
Karan - Karanavai	West	Thampa - Thampalakamam	Panku - Pankudaveli	Thiruk - Thirukkivil
Maddu - Madduvil	Vatha - Vatharavathai	Batti - Batticaloa	Mara - Marapalam	
Maru - Maruthapuram	Kilinochchi (Kili), Mullaitivu (Mullai)	Aray - Arayampathy	Ontha - Onthachimadam	
Navan - Navanthurai	Vavuniya (Vavu), Mannar	Chenk - Chenkalady	Kuru - Kurukkalmadam	
Sahaya		KPN - Koralai Pattu North (**Vaharai) DS		
Sahayapuram	Thalv - Thalvupadu			
Sandi - Sandilipay	Achch - Achchankulam			

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