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TRO SITUATION REPORT

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Time period covered: 01 July 2007 – 15 July 2007

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

Overall Situation:

- ❖ On 11 July 2007 Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF) jet bombers killed two people, including a child, and wounded eleven others when the SL Kfir fighters bombed temporary shelters of Tsunami Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) at Alampil in Mullaitivu.

Persons killed:

Ananthan Selvakumar	age	16
Sribalasumramanium Kanthamalar	age	51

Wounded:

D.Arulsan	age	01
D.Alaiyarasi	age	04
S.Sarathkumar	age	12
K.Thusyanthi	age	10
P.Premkumar	age	15
D.Thiyakaraja	age	67
J.Vethanayagam	age	46
S.Poomani	age	52
N.Alfred	age	67
K.Sivarasa	age	39
K.Tharsan	age	18



- ❖ On 10 July 2007 a Sri Lanka – Deep Penetration Unit (DPU) attacked a Mobile Medical Service with a Claymore Mine on the A9 road. Five of the medical staff were killed in the attack.
- ❖ There has been continuous, heavy multi-barrel artillery shelling at the border areas of Semamadhu, Panrikeithakulam, Palamoodai, Mukamallai, Puliyanakulam, Mannar, Manalaru and Poonakary areas in Vanni.



- ❖ A civilian, Mr.Selvanayagam of Vadamaradchchi East, was injured and his house completely destroyed by the Sri Lanka Army (SLA) artillery attack.
- ❖ Pre school buildings in Vettilaikeny, Aliyavalai, and Thalaiyady and a Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society (MPCS) building were damaged by SLA artillery attack.
- ❖ Currently the A9 Road at Omanthai, which connects the Vanni with other provinces, is only open on three day: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- ❖ The weather is extremely hot without any rain. As monsoon failed the tanks (man made lakes) are drying up causing acute shortages of water.
- ❖ A Childrens' Park was opened on 05 June 2007 in Kilinochchi Town. The park contains many features for children's entertainment and education such as computer game centre, zoo, outdoor play materials and suspension-bridge.
- ❖ Norwegian Ambassador Mr. Hans Brattskar and his team met the LTTE Political Wing leader Mr. S.P. Thamilselvan and his team on 11 July 2007 in Kilinochchi.
- ❖ A media team from the Aljazeera network, an international news agency, discussed the status of recently displaced persons in the Vanni with a TRO representative.
- ❖ Food and fuel prices are increasing in the Vanni Region making it very difficult for most to afford to meet their basic needs. Prices of essential food items and fuel:

❖ Items	❖ Price
❖ Petrol	❖ 850/=
❖ Diesel	❖ 250/=
❖ Kerosene	❖ 110/=
❖ Lactogen	❖ 200/=
❖ Anchor	❖ 180/=
❖ SMA	❖ 550/=
❖ Lakspray	❖ 190/=
❖ Soap	❖ 25/=

Displacement and activities to provide humanitarian relief

Over the past two decades the Tamil people in Sri Lanka have been affected by the war and violence unleashed by the SLA and its paramilitary groups. In December 2004 the civilians were affected by Tsunami which caused unprecedented deaths and destruction. The violence of war increased in December 2005 after the new President was elected in November 2005.

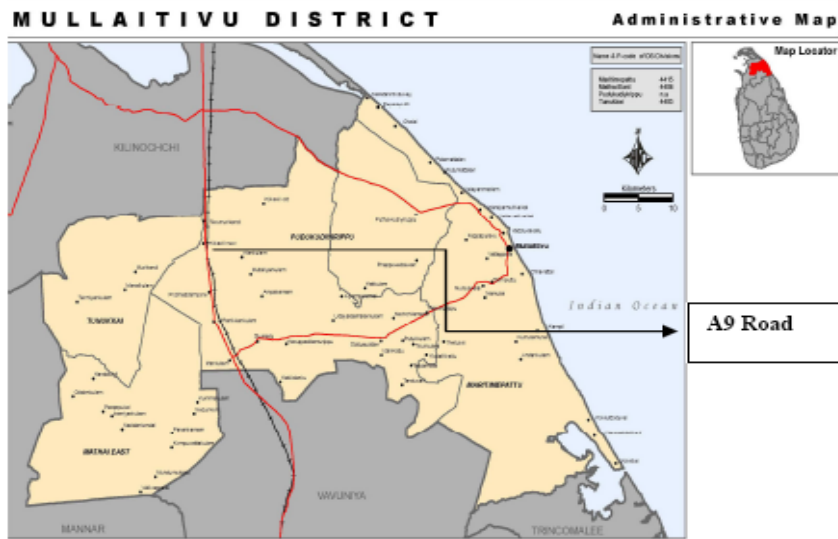
UNHCR and local authorities report that the number of recently displaced IDPs (past 18 months) in Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Vadamarachchi East is 22,903 families (86,154 persons). These IDPs have been displaced due multi-barrel artillery shelling, aerial bombardment, DPU attacks and military offensives by the SL army.

The IDPs are currently being assisted by international NGOs, UN Organizations and local NGOs. Some areas are not covered by international NGOs due to their own security restrictions.

TRO, along with its partner organizations, are on the ground to provide the essential needs of the IDPs: drinking water, food, clothing, shelter and transportation to safer areas.

Mullaitivu District

The people of Mullaitivu have been displaced numerous times due to shelling, air strikes, gun boat attacks, and other attacks by the SLA through the years 1990, 1995, 1996, 2006, 2007 and was also devastated by the Tsunami in December 2004



Mullaitivu IDPs Details

	DETAILS	FAMILIES	PERSONS
1	Permanent Population	26,712	105,224
2	IDP Population – Mullaitivu District as at 31.03.2007		
	Displaced in 1990s	14,599	66,574
	Displaced in January 2006 to July 2006	6,114	25,235
	Displaced 11.08.2006 to 31.12.2006	5,045	18,238
	Displaced 01.01.2007 to 16.03.2007	221	686
	Displaced 17.03.2007 to 27.03.2007	467	1,847
	Displaced 29.03.2007 to 12.04.2007	235	740
	Total	26,681	113,320
3	Internal Displaced Persons (within district)	1,782	6,923
	Displaced From out side of the District	24,899	105,809
	Total	26,681	112,732
4	Permanent	26,712	105,224
	Displaced (Including internally Displaced)	26,681	113,320
	Total Population	53,393	21,8544

Kilinochchi District

The people of Kilinochchi were displaced in 1996 by the SLA operation, "Sathjeya Operation", and as a result of displacement they lost everything. The IDPs resettled after 2000. After returning they engaged in farming and other income generation activities. Now the IDP population has increased due to the recent arrival of displaced people from Jaffna, Mannar, Batticaloa, Trincomalee and Vavuniya after there was a dramatic increase in the military activity beginning in April 2006.





IDP Details of Kilinochchi District

No	AGA Division	Families	Individuals
01	Karachchi	3,273	11,851
02	Kandavalai	2,989	10,802
03	Poonakary	2,790	10,596
04	Maruthankerny	1,753	6,923
	Total	10,805	40,172

Vadamarachchi East (Jaffna District)

3,551 families returned to Vadamarachchi East and started their living in their places of origin after the Cease Fire Agreement (CFA) was signed between the GOSL and the LTTE in 2002.

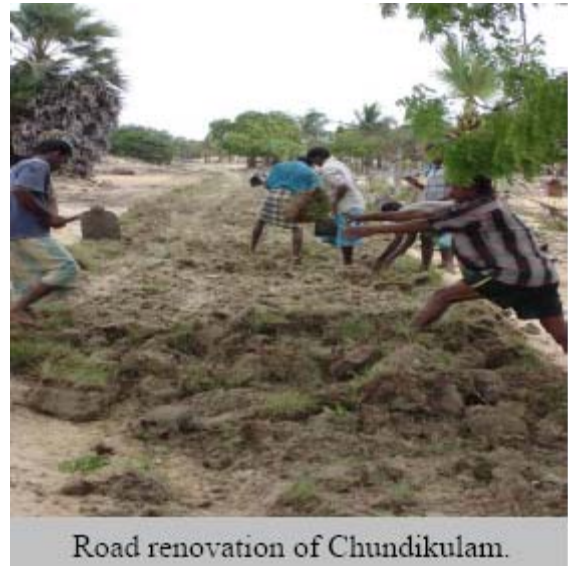
All of the families were engaged in fishing as their livelihood. These families were displaced again on 11 August 2006 by SLA troop movements that breached the Forward Defense Lines (FDLs), and due to shelling, air strikes and naval attacks by the Sri Lankan security forces.

Currently, 491 families living at Chundikulam Coastal area suffer without proper accommodation, transportation to hospital and a scarcity of drinking water.

A TRO team traveled from the TRO Head Office in Kilinochchi to conduct needs assessments with the IDPs at Chundikulam. The team identified the following immediate needs:

1. Temporary Shelter
2. Water & Sanitation (wells & toilets)
3. Renovation of roads
4. Temporary preschool
5. Temporary school hall

TRO began the work to renovate the road with the support of the local IDPs on 20 June 2007. The total length of the road length from Kervil to Nallathannithoduvai is 18 km. Currently 5 Km of road work has been completed.



Road renovation of Chundikulam.

Projects Implemented by TRO and its partner Local NGOs for IDPs

Non Food Relief Items (NFRIs)

- ❖ TRO Mullaitivu distributed NFRI to 41 families who were displaced from Jaffna, Trincomalee and Batticaloa.
- ❖ SEDO joined with ICRC to provide materials for temporary shelters, food items and NFRI to seven families who were victims of the Kfir attacks on 29th & 30th May 2007 at Venavil, Mullaitivu District.
- ❖ TRO-MKDO provided milk food packets to 15 families displaced from Batticaloa.
- ❖ TRRO joined with ICRC to provide food items to 45 families who were affected by the Kfir attack in Venavil.
- ❖ RRDO in partnership with Save the Children (SCF) distributed food items to 3 IDP families from Madhu.
- ❖ NDRO in partnership with SCF distributed food items and school equipment to 350 families displaced from Mannakulam and Puliyanukulam in Vavuniya district.

Transport

- ❖ TRO has arranged transportation for IDPs who were displaced from other districts.
- ❖ 5 km damaged roads need to be repaired for Periyamadhu IDPs.



- ❖ TRO began the renovation of 18 km of road from Kervil to Nallathannithoduvai used by people from Vadamaradchchi East who are now living at Chundikulam - 5 Km road work is already completed. (also mentioned above)

Water & sanitation

- ❖ TRO have been distributing drinking Water & Sanitation (WatSan) facilities to IDPs who are living in welfare centers and temporary shelters.
- ❖ TRO Vavuniya constructed 2 opened dug wells and 50 toilets for displaced people at Periyakulam.

Temporary Shelter Program (TRO & Community Based Organizations)

Organization	Project	Place	Supporting NGO	Houses	Progress
TRO-Mannar	Temp. Shelter	Periyamadhu	TRO	150	75%
TRO-Mullai	Temp. Shelter	Mallavi	TRO	100	20%
TRO-Mulla	Temp. Shelter	Vallipunam	TRO	100	
SEDO	Temp. Shelter	Vallipunam, Udaiyarkaddu, Visuvamadhu, Parathypuram, Manikkapuram	ICRC, OXFAM, FORUT, UNHCR	164	80%
MRRO	Temp. Shelter	Mulliyavalai North, Ponnagar, Neeravipitty, Mamulai, Keppapulavu	OXFAM	74	60%
TRRO Mullai	Temp. Shelter	Puthukudiyiruppu	OXFAM, FORUT, JRS	359	75%
NEDRO Mullai	Temp. Shelter	Ampalavanpogganai Maththalan, Panaiyadi, Valagnarmadam	CARE	220	80%
NEDRO Kili	Temp. Shelter	Mruthanagar, Selvanagar, Ampalukulam	ZOA	117	40%
RRDO	Temp. Shelter	Kumarapuram, Umaiylapuram	SOLIDAR	115	95%
KDRRO	Temp. Shelter	Ratnapuram, Kirisnapuram	OXFAM, DRC	49	50%
KPDO	Temp. Shelter	Nachchikuda, Nagapaduvan	ZOA, FORUT	44	55%
KNDO	Temp. Shelter	Kandavalai	ZOA	20	
TRRO Kili	Temp. Shelter	Periyaparantham, Uruthirapuram north	DRC, ZOA	87	85%
PDRO	Temp. Shelter	Sekkalai, Mudkompan	DRC, OXFAM	234	50%
SDO	Temp. Shelter	Palinagar, Sivapuram	OXFAM	44	25%
KERO	Temp. Shelter	Santhapuram, Ramanapuram, Pannankandy	OXFAM, CARE	145	45%
PTRO	Temp. Shelter	Koddaikaddi, Amaithypuram, Kalvilan, Thirunagar, Mallavi, Alankulam Ampalapperumal, Palaiyamurukandy	FORUT, OXFAM	85	45%
MKDO	Temp. Shelter	Olumadhu, Pulumichchinathankulam, Panikkankulam, Inthupuram	ECHO, OXFAM	38	50%
MPWS	Temp. Shelter	Semmalai	JRS	60	100%
PTDO	Temp. Shelter	Yogapuram, Anichchankulam, Parathynagar; Yogapuram East and West	FORUT	43	45%
PMDO	Temp. Shelter	Mulankavil, Thikkuvil	OXFAM, DRC	148	40%
ADO	Temp. Shelter	Mudkompan, Akkarajan	OXFAM, FORUT	53	45%
VDRO	Temp. Shelter	Mannakulam	FORUT	50	50%
NDRO	Temp. Shelter	Periyakulam	OXFAM	59	25%



Activities of TRO and its partner local NGO in Villages Social welfare project

TRO provides assistance through its partner organizations in the Vanni to vulnerable families to meet their basic needs so that they may survive in the villages to which they have displaced. The details of assistance are given below:

- ❖ TRO through VDRO provided milk food packets to 15 children.
- ❖ TRO Mullaitivu distributed food items and NFFI to 57 families who are identified as vulnerable in the villages of Suthanthirapuram, Theravil, Moonkilaru, Visuvamadhu, Vallipunam, Udaiyarkaddu and Kuravayal.
- ❖ TRO through SDO provided NFRI to a family whose house was damaged by fire at Kollavilankulam.
- ❖ TRO through MKDO paid the money for medical items & to sew school uniforms to the children of 3 families.
- ❖ TRO through KERO provided food items and NFRI to a vulnerable family at Piramanthanaaru.
- ❖ TRO through RRDO provided nutrition food to vulnerable family members who were affected by an accident.
- ❖ TRO through NEDRO provided food items, NFRI and cadjan to a family whose house was burnt at Ananthapuram area.
- ❖ TRO through KDRRO distributed food items, NFRI , and paid for the funeral expenses for 7 families who lived in vulnerable areas of Parathypuram, Thirumurukandy, Vinayakarpuram, Vevekananthanagar in the Kilinochchi District.
- ❖ TRO through PDRO provided cadjan roofing for a family who from Poonakary.
- ❖ TRO through PMDO provided cadjan for 2 families to re-thatch their roofs in the Mulankavil area.
- ❖ TRO through SEDO distributed NFRI for two families whose house was burnt at Valluvarpuram, Theravil in Mullaitivu district.

Drinking water supply

- ❖ TRO through KDRRO supplied drinking water to Ariviyalnagr and Thondamanagar in Kilinochchi district.
- ❖ TRO through PMDO supplied drinking water to Elavur, Valaipadu, Veerapandiyamunai, Palavi in Kilinochchi district.

Education Activities

- ❖ TRO through KDRRO provided payment for education expenses of students at Uttupulam.
- ❖ TRO through KERO provided School equipment to students at Umaiypuram.
- ❖ ADO joined with ZOA to distribute bicycles for 26 Students and School equipment for 134 students studying at Akkarajan Kunsikulam Vikneshvara Vidyalayam who were from vulnerable families and faced difficulties traveling to school.
- ❖ TRO through PMDO distributed 15 plastic buckets to Veravil School.
- ❖ TRO had a ceremony to award students who had completed the Diploma Course in Computers at The Computer Collage which is supported by Asian Computer System in Colombo on 12 July 2007 at TRO Conference Hall in Kilinochchi.
- ❖ TRO through PDRO has been conducting evening classes for students in Arasapram, Sekkalai Villages in Poonakary area.





Medical Support

TRO-ICU is assisting medical support to people who are suffering from various diseases and illnesses. The assistance details are given below:

No	Name of the patient	Address	Assist
01	Vinson Mekarsini	10 th Camp Kalmadhunagr	Travel expense to Anuradhapuram for treatment
02	Veerapaku Pushbarani	Kilinochchi	Payment for heart treatment

Preschool Activities

Due to the current situation preschools have problems with their maintenance of existing buildings and construction of new permanent buildings after the A9 closed August 11 and restrictions and embargos have been imposed by the SLA on the transportation of building materials.

- ❖ TRO has moved to mobilize local support to build and run temporary preschools
- ❖ TRO through PSEDC conducted awareness programs for parents of preschool children in Vanni.
- ❖ TRO through NEDRO distributed cadjan, nutrition food and prizes for 3 preschools in Kilinochchi.
- ❖ KERO joined with World vision provided nutrition food to a preschool.
- ❖ TRO through PMDO distributed Education equipments for 25 preschool children at Palavi village.
- ❖ Sports meets were held at the preschools that are maintained by TRO in Kilinochchi & Mullaitivu.



Nutrition Centers

- ❖ Due to the current restrictions imposed by the GoSL on the transportation of food and medicine to the Vanni the number of children not receiving adequate nutrition is rapidly rising. TRO is issuing nutritious food for Preschool children in Vanni.

Special Programs

- ❖ TRO conducted a disaster management workshop on 11 July 2007 at the TRO conference hall in Kilinochchi for local partner NGOs in order to prepare for any disaster that may occur due to natural disaster and/or war between the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) and Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).



Group Discussion about medical support



Research about disaster management



Addressing about disaster Management by Assistant ED of TRO



Discussion on district level by district directors



Children Home activities in Vanni

The past two decades of war and the tsunami have created numerous orphaned children who also lost their access to education. There are also children who have natural disabilities or children who have been abandoned by their families. All of these children are being cared for in TRO managed Childrens' Homes.

These Homes were running in good condition before the current situation developed in the Vanni. Currently, the Homes face numerous difficulties, not only in the education sector but also due to the acute shortage of food as a result of the restrictions on the transportation of food and medicine via the A9 road by the Defense Ministry in Sri Lanka.

TRO runs the following Children's Homes in the Vanni:

Kurukulam	507 children
Gandhi Nillaiyam	160 boys
Barathy Illam	170 girls
Punithapoomi	131 boys
Iniyavalvu Illam	98 differently abled boys & girls

The home's staff and children have been engaged in home gardening in order to meet their dietary needs.

Pictures of the sports meet at Kurukulam Childrens' home:

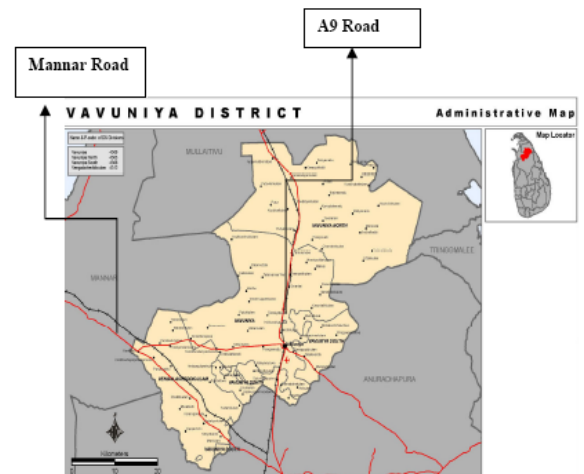


Vavuniya Dis trict

The LTTE controlled border areas of North Vavuniya come under regular attacks such as shelling, air strikes and DPU penetrations by the SLA. People have been displacing to safer areas.

IDPs Details of Vavuniya

No	Place	No of family	Individuals	0-01	02-05	06-16	Over 17
01	Mannakulam1	50	205	8	25	48	124
02	Periyakulam	51	200	12	21	53	114
03	Mannakulam2	26	122	6	10	41	65
	Total	127	527	26	56	142	303



Mannar District

People of Madhu, Thampanai, Periyapandivirichchan, Sinnapandivirichchan, MulliKulam, Keerisuddan, and Thadsanamaruthamadhu have been displaced to safeguard themselves from the military attacks.

There is an acute shortage of drinking water, food items, medicines and shelter. Some Organizations are assisting the IDPs by providing temporary shelters and NFRIs only.

The IDPs requested that comprehensive relief work be provided through TRO. TRO has organized relief work through its local partner NGO - IDRO.

Details of the IDPs, their locations, needs and the humanitarian communities response is provided below in the next few pages:



MANNAR IDP Details

Kovilkulam G.S. DIV.												
S.No.	Location	No. of Families			No of families	Male	Female	No of member	0-5	5--16	Shelters needed	
		Common Place	Under Trees	Friends & Relatives							Shelters	Cajans
1	Savirikulam	3	-	4	7	10	18	28	2	7	4	1050
2	Kovilkulam	5	-	10	15	25	30	55	4	15	10	2250
3	Puthukulam	4	2	8	14	21	24	45	5	14	10	2100
4	Aithy Moodai	4	2	9	15	19	24	43	6	15	11	2250
5	Ando valili	2		2	4	6	8	14	1	7	2	600
6	Kurai	10	6		16	30	29	59	10	15	5	2400
7	Sethu Vinaigarpuram	4			4	10	11	21	4	12		600
8	Total	32	10	33	75	121	144	265	32	85	42	11250

Paliyaru G.S. DIV.												
S.No.	Location	No. of Families			No. of Families	Male	Female	No. of Members	0-5	5--16	Shelters Needed	
		Common Place	Under Trees	Friends & Relatives							Shelters	Cajans
1	Seva Kiramam		5	15	20	42	45	87	5	6	20	3000
2	Ganeshapuram	3		4	7	10	18	28	2	8	3	1050
3	Vellankulam	5	8	2	15	21	19	40	1	13	8	2250
4	Muntrmpitty	6		11	17	39	41	80	1	20	17	2250
5	Paliyaru		35	20	55	60	69	129	6	24	55	8250
6	Thethavadiy	1		11	12	30	27	57	5	9	12	1800
7	Thevanpitty	1		15	16	27	26	53	7	11	16	2400
8	Paliyaru Camp	37	2	15	54	100	104	204	29	58	54	8100
9	Kalliyady	1		8	9	15	18	33	2	5	9	1350
10	Iluppaikadavai	1		7	8	9	11	20	3	4	8	1200
	Total	55	50	108	213	353	378	731	61	158	202	31650



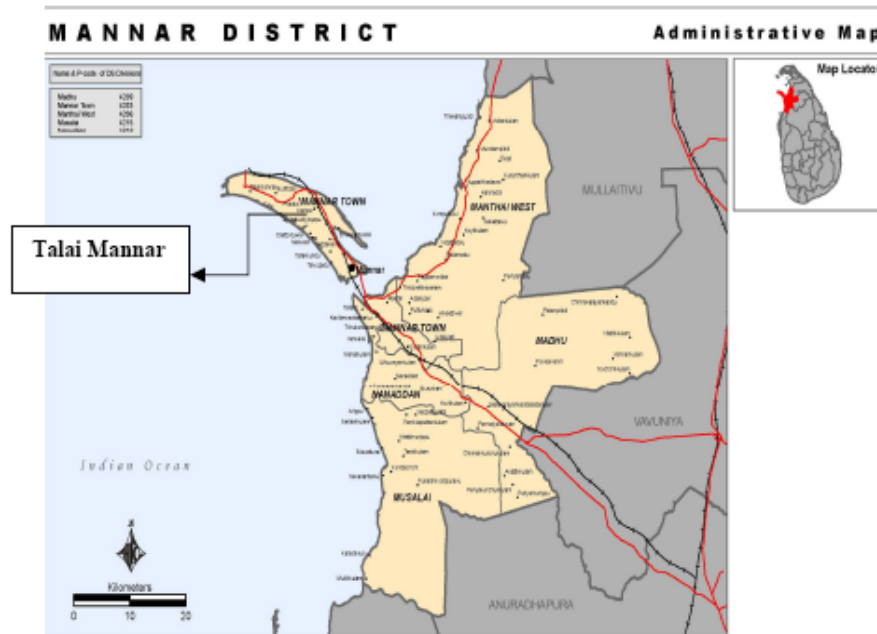
Periyamadu IDPs Data														
	Location	No. of Families			No of families	Male	Female	No of member	0-5	6--18	Over 18	Differently able	Aged	Widows
		Common Place	Under Trees	Friends & Relatives										
1	Periyamadu	10	956	48	1014	1889	1917	3086	349	913	2544	46	70	153

Note: 350 families who were under trees have been provided temporary shelters.

IDP Families	
Parapankandal	201
Paappmoodai	44
Total	245

Adampan GS Division

S.NO.	Location	Returnees
1	Karukandal	69
2	Adampan	58
3	Paappmoodai	47
4	Vaitayanmoreppu	23
5	Menukan	11
6	Maligaitheedal	37
7	Palaikuli	149
8	Nadukandal	69
9	Soranpuree	121
10	Andalkulam	67
11	Kannatti	153
12	Aitkaitvali	178
13	Karukandal, Vannakulam	128
14	Kaithankulam	186
15	Vaittakandal	221
16	Palaiparumalkaittu	317
17	Paliidepputhukulam	124
18	Parappukittunathan (West)	73
19	Parappukittunathan (East)	40
Total		2071





Location:-Adampan GS Divison											
No	Needs	Needs	Responses				Valvuthayam	ZOA	Pradesiy a saba	D.R.C	Remaining Needs
			World Vision	SCiSL	T.R.O	I.C.R.C					
Location :- Periyamadu GS Division											
1	Supplimentary Food Items	2316									2316
2	N.F.R.I	2316									2316
3	Temporary Shelters	245	World Vision	SCiSL	T.R.O	I.C.R.C	Valvuthayam	ZOA	Pradesiya saba	D.R.C	245
4	Temporary Pre- School	2									2
1	Hygiene Kits	1014				365					649
2	Temporary Toilets	62								647	504
2	Supplimentary Food Items	1014									504
2	Nutrition For pre school Children	1014									504
4	Dry rations + SFI	1014			300		510				204
4	School learning kits	1014									1014
5	Non Food Items House cultivation for livelihood	350									350
6	Temporary Shelters Cottages	350	200		100			50			664
7	Temporary Pre- School Water supply (tube wells)	4									2
8	Temporary School	4	2								2
10	Temporary Toilets	253									253
11	Toilets to be repaired	50			28						22
12	Cleaning of wells	118	17		4	3			15		79

Location:- Kovilkulam, Paliyaru GS Divisons											
No	Needs	Needs	Responses				Valvuthayam	ZOA	Pradesiya saba	D.R.C	Remaining Needs
			World Vision	SCiSL	T.R.O	I.C.R.C					
1	Hygine Kits	288									288
2	Supplimentary Food Items	288									288
3	N.F.R.I	288		75							213
4	Temporary Shelters	288	50								238
5	Temporary Pre- School	5			2						3
6	Temporary Toilets	72									72
7	School learning kits	642									642
8	Water supply(Wells) & water bowser	2									2