

JOINT HUMANITARIAN AND EARLY RECOVERY UPDATE

This report indicates the UN and NGO partner response to continuing humanitarian needs and early recovery concerns, in support to the Sri Lankan Government's efforts to rebuild the former conflict-affected regions. Activities show progress towards the sectoral priorities and goals described in the 2011 Joint Plan for Assistance.

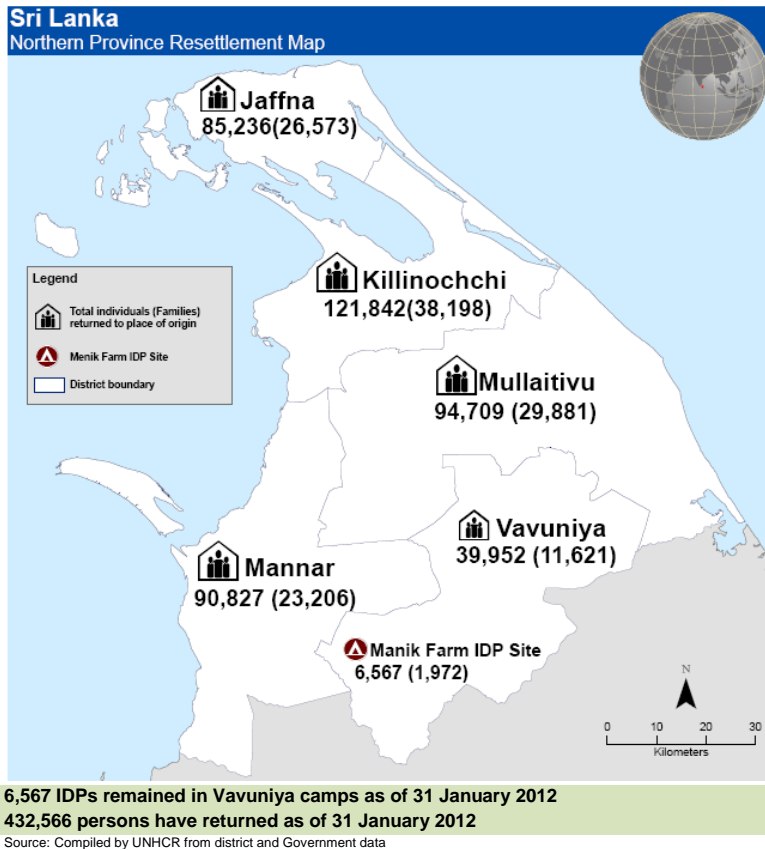
I. SITUATION OVERVIEW & HIGHLIGHTS

By the end of January 2012, 432,566 people (129,479 families) had returned to the Northern Province. This figure includes 225,788 people (71,333 families) displaced after April 2008 and 206,778 persons (58,146 families) displaced before April 2008¹.

At the end of January 6,567 IDPs (1,972 families), displaced after April 2008, remained in camps awaiting return to their areas of origin. An additional 7,503 IDPs (2,036 families) from the protracted or long-term caseload, displaced prior to April 2008, remained in welfare centers in Jaffna and Vavuniya districts.

During February, a total of 438 members (134 families; 191 males and 247 females) moved to Kombavil relocation site from Menik Farm. According to the government officials in Mullaitivu, 102 families are originally from Mullivaikkal West village and the other 32 families are from Vadduvagal village in Mullivaikkal West GN.

Another 88 members (27 families) from Menik Farm returned to Kokuthoduwai Center in Maratimepattu DS division in Mullaitivu district in mid-February.



The Government and the United Nations acknowledge that there are persons/families displaced before 2008 and that an undetermined number of those persons may still be in need of durable solutions. Moreover, the Government and the United Nations and its partners acknowledge that there are a number of persons/families, who were displaced and are living with friends and relatives, or who left camps and are still living with friends and relatives. Humanitarian partners will be consulting with the Government on how best to arrive at numbers on the persons who still require assistance. Joint programmes in 2012 will therefore be developed to address and identify solutions for those determined to be in need in order to resolve displacement in a durable manner.

Moreover, the Government and the UN are committed to finding solutions for displaced people, who sought shelter with friends and relatives, left camps and are still living with friends and relatives, or are stranded in transit sites. Again, determining the number of people falling under this category and whether they continue to live with hosts by choice or for lack of solutions will be critical to support future strategies of assistance.

FUNDING

- The Joint Plan for Assistance (JPA) for Northern Province 2012 was launched on 21 January 2012 at the Ministry of Economic Development, by the Government together with the United Nations and the broader humanitarian community. The JPA identifies priority activities and strategies which have been developed in support of the overall national programme to assist the people of the Northern Province to recover further and to sustain their livelihoods in coming years. The Cluster Response Plans and a compendium of project in accordance with the JPA strategy will be released shortly.
- As of 14 February 2012, the Joint Plan of Assistance (JPA) 2011 remains underfunded with 35% (\$99.9 million) received against a total of \$289 million in commonly identified requirements.

¹ There are two major caseloads of displaced people in Sri Lanka. Those recently displaced or 'new' IDPs refers to those displaced after April 2008, and the 'old' or protracted caseload refers to those displaced prior to April 2008. Note that the total population returned to their districts of origin includes returns from both categories of IDPs.

Contingency Planning in the Northern Province

The Contingency Planning process for the Northern Province began in October 2011 under the guidance of the District Secretaries together with Disaster Management Center (DMC) and other relevant district and local authorities. The hazards, risks and scenarios were discussed and information was collected from various stakeholders, through coordination meetings between government, police, military, UN and non-government partners in the respective districts. The draft contingency plans are in the process of being shared with relevant stakeholders for comments, feedback and validation as next steps.

Enumeration of Vital Events 2011 Northern Province

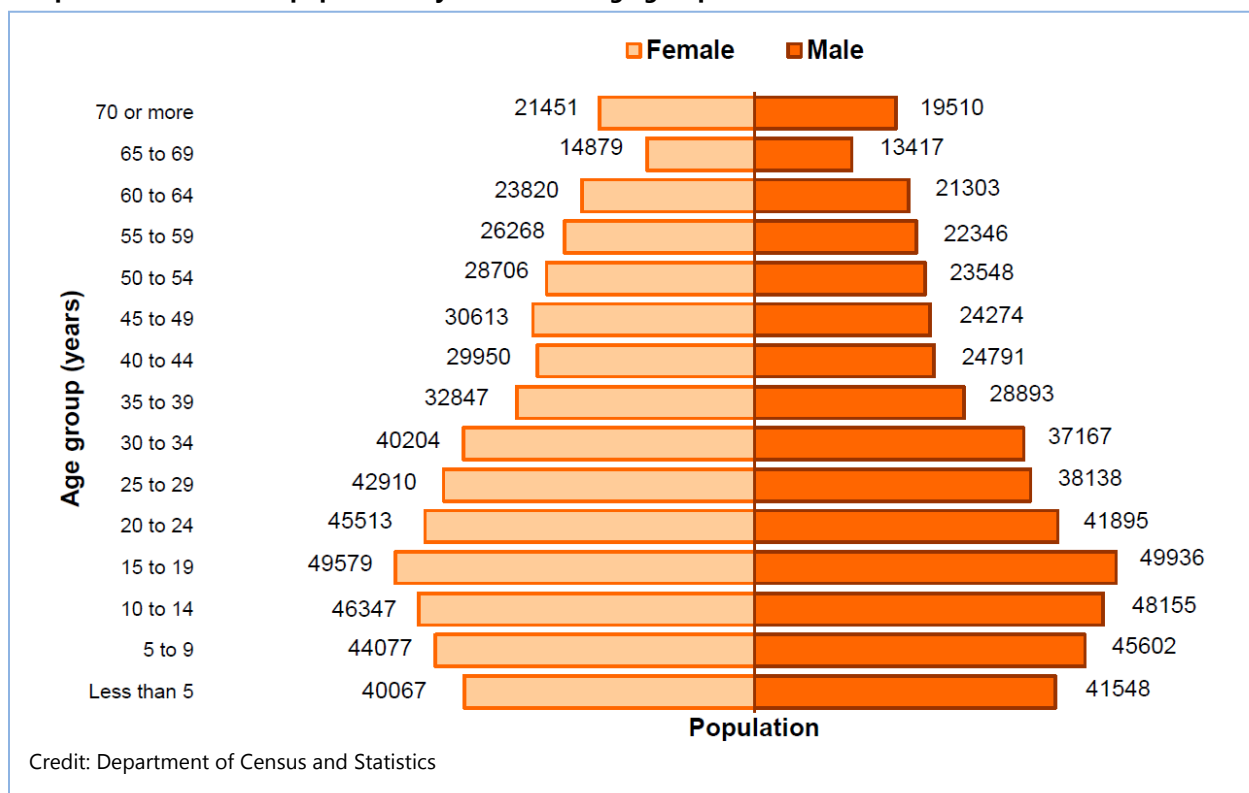
In 2011, the Department of Census and Statistics of the Ministry of Finance and Planning conducted the Enumeration of Vital Events – in the Northern Province (EVE 2011) from June to August 2011 to collect vital information concerning the population and vital events in the Northern Province for the first time after 1981. The EVE 2011 is a “total enumeration based on Usual Residence of the respondent population and the security forces and Police personnel staying in barracks were not included in the enumeration”. Some important findings are highlighted below:

Table 1: Enumeration of Vital Events in the Northern Province 2011 (Summary)

	Population	Household population	Family	Average household size	Urban Population	%	Male	Female
Northern Province	997,754	978,859	245,694	3.98	166,285	16.70%	51.84	48.16
Jaffna district	567,229	557,715	135,038	4.13	112,403	19.80%	52.52	47.48
Mannar district	95,430	92,763	23,117	4.01	22,183	23.20%	50.00	50.00
Vavuniya district	164,852	161,229	42,031	3.84	31,699	19.20%	51.28	48.72
Mullaitivu district	66,526	65,042	18,291	3.56			51.02	48.98
Kilinochchi district	103,717		27,217	3.75			51.28	48.72

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Graph 1: Distribution of population by Gender and Age group in Northern Province – 2011



II. SECTOR OVERVIEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Sector activities support the work of their Government counterparts. Contributions to the JH/ERU from partner agencies highlighting their project operations are welcome through the respective Cluster Lead. The Cluster Partner list is updated as of 31 December 2011 derived from the 3W database.

Civil Administration and National Protection Mechanisms | Sector Leads: UNDP and UNHCR

Partners include DRC, SCISL, WUSC



UNDP's Local Governance Programme (LoGoPro) is assisting the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs to send the 26 best performing Grama Niladharies (one from each District), to strengthen their understanding and skills in promoting rural development through a specialized training and exposure programme in Malaysia.

Education and Sports | Sector Lead: UNICEF

Partners include DRC, SCISL, UMCOR, WFP, RI, AEA, DRC, HI, Janasuwaya/ PWJ, OfERR(Ceylon), Shanthi, Sewalanka Foundation, ZOA



- ▶ *Vavuniya district:* About 1,500 students are attending schools in zones 0 and 1 in Menik Farm.
- ▶ *Mullaitivu district:*
 - Secondary grade students living in Kombavil relocation site have resumed their education in a nearby school since December 2011. Around 170 primary grade children are unable to access educational facilities as most of the facilities are more than 2km away from their residence. It is expected that this number will increase to 400 in coming months. As a result, at the request of the people, Mullaitivu Education Zone is seeking assistance to build a primary school in Kombavil.
 - Thirty eight (38) schools have been reopened providing access for about 14,000 children to education including 3 schools in Thunukkai division. There are 16 schools yet to be reopened for 3,000 more children who are currently staying in various locations including Manik farm and Kombavil village.
 - Construction and renovation of 6 Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) in Sri Subramaniam Vidyalayam, Kallapadu Government Tamil Medium School (GTMS) and Irranapalai GTMS in Mullaitivu by UNICEF are in progress. This expects to provide temporary educational facilities for about 500 children in the area.
 - In addition, construction of Mullaitivu Maha Vidyalayam, Poonahary Maha Vidyalayam and rehabilitation of Yogapuram Maha Vidyalayam are supported by UNICEF with the Irish funding for the benefit of over 3,000 students to provide conducive learning spaces.
- ▶ *Mannar district:* Five schools in Madhu education zone of Manthai West division have been reopened and 200 children returned for schooling during the reporting period.
- ▶ *Killinochchi district:*
 - Three schools were reopened in the district during January 2012. It was estimated last year that about 3,500 children will get admitted in grade 1 in January 2012. The assessment is underway to find out the actual number of children in Grade 1.
 - ZOA renovated 6 preschools in Ootupulam, Ellukadu, Ponnagar, Navalnagar GN Divisions in Killinochchi District including construction of security fences to enhance security of the children. In addition, these preschools were supported with nutritional enhancement activities.
 - UNICEF with financial support from AusAID is preparing to rehabilitate and reconstruct 11 schools in Killinochchi and Mullaitivu districts for improving physical learning environment for over 6,000 children. The work has commenced in Killinochchi Maha Vidyalayam while the tendering process is ongoing for the remaining 10 schools.
- ▶ *Jaffna district:*
 - Five schools reopened in Tellippali Division in January 2012 providing access to over 400 children to education in their areas of original after 22 years. Save the Children supported for about 200 children in 2 newly reopened schools with pair of shoes and stationary kits. It is also reported that there are 61 more schools to be reopened in the district.
 - Construction of a boundary security wall to safeguard about 1,500 students in Hartley College of Point Pedro in Jaffna district was completed during January 2012 with financial support by UMCOR.

- There is a necessity to provide psychosocial support to children, teachers and parents in the resettled areas for them to effectively integrate to normal community life.

Principals and teachers have experienced that addressing this issue at classroom level enhances the students' ability to perform well in education.

Food Security, Agriculture and Livelihoods | Sector Leads: FAO, WFP and UNDP

Partners include CARE, DRC, FAO, FRC, GIZ-DETA, ILO, IOM, Janasuwaya/ PWJ, LEADS, NRC, OfERR(Ceylon), PARCIC, PIN, RI, SAH, SCiSL, SEED, Sewalanka ,Foundation, SLRCS, The Refugees Rehabilitation Organization, UMCOR, WFP, WUSC, WVI, Ygro Ltd, ZOA



► Food Security

- In December 2011 and January 2012 WFP distributed a total of 1,886mt mixed food commodities to 124,150 beneficiaries through Food for Work (FFW), Food for Training (FFT) and supplementary feeding projects in the 5 flood affected districts. 86,695 people received WFP food assistance through FFW, 5,685 through FFT, and 31,770 mothers and children under five received 'Thripasha' - locally produced micronutrient fortified blended food - through supplementary feeding, respectively.
- In December, WFP provided some 2,207mt of food to 81,749 returnees and IDPs in camps, cooked school meals for 141,566 students, and micronutrient fortified blended food (CSB) for 53,140 malnourished children under-5 years, pregnant women and nursing mothers through its Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Programme (MCHN). The Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) in the Northern Province continued to support IDPs in camps as well as newly resettled returnees including refugee returnees from India.

► Agriculture

National Maha 2011/12 Harvest²

- According to the Department of Agriculture's *Maha* 2011/12 crop forecast, the paddy cultivation progress by the end of December 2011 was 716,056 ha, which is 87% of the target. A total 2.76 million mt is expected which is 6% higher than an average *Maha* season yield. The total production will be available in markets in January, February and March by 14%, 63%, 23% respectively.
- Other Field Crops (OFCs) yielded crop recorded 40% increase in this *Maha* season. Maize achieved its highest cultivation extent over the past reaching about 68,500ha. Higher yield is expected in this season for maize, potato, green gram, black gram and ground nut.

Northern Province

- FAO supported over 20,000 farmers during the Maha 2011/12 season, distributing 1,418mt of paddy seed sufficient to cultivate over 23,000 acres of abandoned paddy land and 154mt of OFC seeds for over 8,000 acres of highland. Home gardening kits, storage units, water pumps and value addition equipment are also being provided. Harvesting of paddy and OFC will begin in February 2012.
- With funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), FAO and UNDP are providing integrated agricultural recovery support to returning families and host communities in Jaffna, Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts. Under the livestock component of the project, FAO has selected 800 households from Jaffna and Kilinochchi districts to provide a goat package and 600 households for a cattle package. Distribution of materials for the construction of animal sheds is presently ongoing, while the distribution of animals has recently begun. Horticulture packages are being distributed among 7,000 families. The fisheries component of the project is focusing on the rehabilitation of landing centers, re-establishment of fisheries support services and provision of livelihood inputs and training.
- FAO launched a US\$ 5 million project funded by the EU in December 2011. The 3.5 year project will target the rehabilitation of community based small scale tank irrigation systems in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts and will strengthen the capacity of farming communities and Government partners in these districts to increase agricultural production and productivity.

► Livelihoods

- In line with the trend that emerged during 2011, while continuing to extend immediate livelihood support to the most vulnerable, livelihood partners are increasingly supporting initiatives aimed at fostering sustainability. As such, partners are gradually moving away from delivering assistance at the individual level to focusing support on strengthening value chains and market opportunities through capacity building of producer groups, investment in productive infrastructure and technologies, increasing access to finance and vocational training, and facilitation of partnerships with the private sector.

² Source: Maha 2011/12 Crop Forecast, Socio Economics and Planning Centre of the Department of Agriculture

- In terms of immediate livelihood support, there are many recently resettled families that continue to require assistance especially in the Mullaitivu district. Indeed, the Government Agent (GA) of Mullaitivu chaired the January Early Recovery Livelihoods Coordination meeting, highlighting shelter, housing and livelihoods as top priorities. In terms of livelihood assistance, partners were encouraged to give priority to those in the recently resettled Grama Niladhari Divisions (GNDs) in Puthukudiyiruppu (PTK) and Maritimpattu divisions and at the same time Manthai East division, where coverage of livelihood support has been relatively less than in other divisions in terms of the 'percentage of population covered' (see Table 1 below).

Table 2: Coverage of Basic Livelihood Assistance (minimum package value LKR 35,000=US\$294)

DS Divisions	# of Families as of 31.12.2011	% of families that received standard livelihood package
Thunukkai	3,495	59%
Manthai East	2,592	29%
Oddusuddan	5,298	81%
Maritimpattu	10,957	58%
Puthukudiyiruppu	7,577	31%
Total	29,919	53%

Source: Population Data from District Secretariat and Livelihood Coverage from UNDP's Early Recovery Livelihood Matrix (Mullaitivu)

- Thirty three artisans in Mullaitivu district is supported to enhance their skills and marketing their products through a project implemented by UMCOR in partnership with the Academy of Design and the Palmyra Development Board. UMCOR is also supporting 750 families to start individual business in Oddusudan and Maritimpattu DS divisions. This assistance has already supported 611 families to date.
- In Jaffna district, World Vision (WV) provided chicks and feed to 20 beneficiaries and awarded them LKR. 35,000 (US\$294) each to construct necessary cages and fences. A Drum drip system (micro-irrigation system) was fixed for 50 beneficiaries to be able to practice home gardening activities.
- As part of an USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) grant, WV conducted a market assessment in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts to explore the production and market opportunities available in the 4 major livelihood sub-sectors, namely agriculture, livestock, fishing and small & medium scale industries. It also analyzes how livelihood interventions can be strategically designed for sustainable development of

these for sub-sectors, which will in turn lead to sustainable income generation.

- Swiss Labour Assistance (SAH) is supporting 520 households in PTK District Secretariat (DS) division in Mullaitivu district and 700 households in Pachchillaipalli DS division in Kilinochchi district through Cash-for-Work assistance which is contributing to the rehabilitation of productive infrastructure to facilitate local economic and livelihood recovery. Eight irrigation channels are being rehabilitated; over 100 km of internal roads are being cleared; 1 causeway and 5 culverts are being constructed and 27 wells and 5 minor tanks are being renovated across the two targeted DS divisions.
- SAH is also continuing to support 900 households in Pachchillaipalli DS division with cash grant assistance to restart livelihood activities, a majority of whom are engaging in livestock rearing. In January, 171 households received elevated poultry sheds designed according to SPHERE minimum standards and approved by the Department of Animal Production and Health of the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development, following consultations with the supported households and model shed demonstrations. SAH is also providing cash grant assistance for improved food security and income generation to 150 most vulnerable households in PTK DS division. SAH continues to support 366 households selected for Cash-for-Work in PTK DS Division with home gardening assistance.
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is implementing livelihood support in the Chavakarchcheri area of Jaffna district. As of January, 429 beneficiaries received cash grants to start up small businesses, rear livestock and improve home gardening. SDC is also working through Pacific Asia Resource Centre Inter-People's Cooperation (PARCIC) to support fishermen in Vadamarachchi East of Jaffna district. As of January 105 beneficiaries received assistance to purchase fishing nets and catamarans under this scheme. SDC will support SAH to extend livelihood activities in the Kandawalai and Poonakary DS divisions of Kilinochchi district, over the next few months, covering 1,170 beneficiaries
- The terms of reference for the new Vavuniya Economic Recovery Working Group, to be facilitated jointly by the District Secretariat Planning Division, WFP, FAO, ILO, UNDP and the NGO Consortium, has been finalized and the first meeting is scheduled for February 2012. The Working Group's guiding strategies include minimizing humanitarian interventions to avoid creating dependency, setting standards for development oriented assistance ensuring harmonization, strengthening markets to promote linkages with the local economy, advocating for social safety to include the most vulnerable groups and promoting financial resource mobilization and accumulation.

Health and Nutrition | Sector Lead: WHO

Partners include FRC, WFP, HI, LEADS, MSF - Holland, UNFPA, METHTHA, PSL, Sewalanka Foundation, MSF-F, Tdh, UNFPA, UNOPS, FRC, SLRCS, SLSP, ZOA



► Health

Disease Surveillance

- No disease outbreaks were reported during the reporting period from returnee areas of Vavuniya, Mannar, Jaffna, Mullaithivu or Kilinochchi districts including Menik Farm camp in Vavuniya district.
- The ante-natal, post-natal and immunization activities are continuing as usual. WHO supported emergency ambulance services in both the zones in Menik Farm, is operating on 24hrs basis.
- Population Services Lanka (PSL) provides medical mobile services to Menik Farm on four days a week basis.

Curative care

- WHO continue to support 6 health assistants in Mullaithivu and Kilinochchi districts in order to address the shortage of qualified medical officials in the Northern Province. These health assistants support primary health care delivery at peripheral hospitals in each district. WHO supports three emergency ambulances to Mullaithivu General Hospital, PTK Divisional Hospital (DH) and Nattankandal DH. In addition, 6 ECG machines were provided by WHO to Mullaithivu GH for the patient care, during the month of January.
- Kombavil Gramodaya Health Center (GHC) constructed by UNICEF is available for the people in Kombavil relocation site. This center provides services in childhood immunization, nutritional and reproductive health services -antenatal, postnatal etc, curative care services. Kaiveli GHC is the closest curative care center to Kombavil relocation site where WHO supported Medical Officer (MO) provides health services 24hrs, as the MO is resident at the facility. One UNICEF supported ambulance is also available for 24hr emergency transfers. The Kaiveli center has adequate health staff including 1 nursing officer, 1 overseer, 6 attendants and an ambulance driver for healthcare delivery. Adequate medicinal drugs are provided by the Regional Medical Supplies Division (RMSD). Kaiveli Centre conducts regular clinics weekly for chronic diseases and MO Mental Health from Mullaithivu General Hospital conducts regular mental health clinics at the facility as well.
- Other curative centers available in the vicinity of Kombavil relocation site:
 - PTK DH – Kombavil returnees can access PTK DH also, which is operational as a mobile station currently. Daytime outpatient services are provided by MO supported by WHO. WHO supported emergency ambulance services is also available at PTK.

- Mullaithivu General Hospital – New Visiting Obstetrician & Gynaecologist (VOG) and a General Physician (GP) are available among other medical officers. MSF – France also has international VOG and the GP working in the hospital. MSF-F supported full Emergency Treatment Unit (ETU) facility is also available. WHO is supporting an emergency ambulance as well. Rehabilitation facilities are currently provided through Handicap International (HI) who supports new physiotherapy unit at the hospital.
- Dharmapuram DH – Though this is within Kilinochchi district boundaries, patients who are closer to the DH do access this facility as well. 24hr medical service facilities available with a resident medical officer and staff.

Preventive Health

- Health and Nutrition Cluster coordination is lead by WHO in Vavuniya, Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu districts with the relevant Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) of Ministry of Health (MoH). These meetings are attended by health humanitarian partners; UN, INGO and NGO.

Maternal and Child Health

- Terre des Hommes (Tdh) conducted 4 training sessions on home gardening to 125 caregivers of children in Thunnukkai and Manthai East DS division in Mullaithivu district with the participation of Government District Agricultural Inspector during January. The program also distributed home garden kits to families. This training is conducted in the aim of improving nutritional status of the children of the beneficiary



Deputy RDHS Mannar explaining the GBV trends during last two years at Mannar GBV center. Credit: WHO

families. Further, Tdh also conducted training sessions on infant and young child feeding and health and hygiene to beneficiaries in the mentioned DS divisions during the month of January.

Mental Health & Prevention of Gender-based Violence (GBV)

- Mental health and GBV activities in Jaffna and Mannar districts are conducted through WHO supported GBV and mental health centers at Jaffna Teaching Hospital and District General Hospital in Mannar. WHO supports 2 counselors at each centre. WHO supported teacher training on prevention on GBV for 75 teachers in Mannar district during the month of January.

Rehabilitation Care

- Sri Lanka School of Prosthetics and Orthotics (SLSPO) continued disability care with 20 prosthetics and orthotics donated to 11 females and 22 males during January.
- HI completed total of 111 disability assessments and donated 180 devices for the reporting period in January covering both Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu districts. The remote areas of these districts are reached by HI's disability and rehabilitative care services through their mobile services.
- Set up of cold chain facilities at the regional medical stores in three peripheral locations in Mullaithivu with solar power for



Credit: Handicap International

the vaccines was completed by UNICEF during January.

► Nutrition

- Identified Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) children were treated at community level except the few who had chronic medical complications. The percentage of under-5 children screened for wasting in November 2011 was 89.63% and in December 2011 it has increased to 91.4% whereas January 2012 coverage recorded 93.28%. The possible reasons behind this improvement could be due to a combination of demand side factors where parents and care givers wanted their children to be screened and also from the supply side factors where the service providers were readily available for screening and treating.

Table 3: Summary of Nutrition Rehabilitation Programme data received for January 2012 for the moderate and severe acute wasting levels of children under age 5 in Mullaithivu district

MOH Area	U < 5 Total	U < 5 Total Screened	# SAM	# MAM	% SAM	% MAM	% Screening Coverage
Mullaithivu	2,854	2,621	13	157	0.50	5.99	91.84
Puthukudiyiruppu	2,043	1,953	13	140	0.67	7.17	95.59
Oddusuddan	1,630	1,417	21	144	1.48	10.16	86.93
Mallavi	2,005	1,968	32	227	1.63	11.53	98.15
TOTAL	8,532	7,959	79	668	0.99	8.39	93.28

Source: UNICEF, 16 February 2012

- The Medical Officer of Health (MOH) office for the PTK division has commenced its function at Vallipunam Gramodhaya Health Center (GHC) which was refurbished and equipped by UNICEF. The office was ceremonially opened by the RDHS Mullaithivu on January 19, 2012 in the presence of community leaders and health staff. Over 100 mothers with their under-5 children attended the first clinic held on 24 January 2012.
- Construction of Maternity and Paediatric wards at Mullaithivu General Hospital and Mallavi Base Hospital by UNICEF with financial support from Cathyl Ryan Trust is nearing completion.
- Refurbishment of GHC at Iyankankulam and Pandiyankulam with immunization services, antenatal care, growth monitoring and distribution of supplementary food is ongoing. UNICEF construction standards for GHCs include an outdoor play area and equipments for the benefit of visiting children and mothers.
- During the Mannar district Health, Nutrition and WASH sector coordination meeting, the shortage of trained medical staff at institutional and field level was discussed in length. RDHS also mentioned additional requirements in service providing facilities. It was agreed by RDHS to highlight these issues at provincial sectoral meetings as no local solution available.

- In Vavuniya, during the Health, WASH and Nutrition sector coordination meeting, the concerns over the patient transport issues in Menik Farm were resolved with WHO ensuring the provision of emergency ambulance services until June 2012.
- The Primary Eye Care & Childhood Blindness Focal Point under the Primary Eye Care Programme called “Vision 2020” conducted teachers training programme in Vavuniya district at RDHS Conference Hall from 18 – 31



Credit: UNICEF

January 2012. The aim of this project is to train 500 teachers through one day Primary Eye Care workshop and thereafter vision charts will be given to the schools and all the students will be screened with the help of MOH team. Visually impaired students will be assessed and treated freely. RDHS Vavuniya initiated the programme and conducted by the

Consultant Ophthalmologist of the Department of Ophthalmology of General hospital Vavuniya.

Mine Action | Sector Lead: UNDP

Coordination and Government Partners

- Regional Mine Action Offices (RMAOs) are located in the Government Agent’s (GA) offices of Jaffna (covering Jaffna and Killinochchi districts), Batticaloa and Vavuniya (covering Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, and all districts of the North-central and Eastern Provinces, less Batticaloa). Sub-offices, which focus only on each district, are located in Mullaitivu and Killinochchi districts. The RMAOs carry out coordination, information management and quality management functions for their respective Areas of Responsibility, under overall coordination of the National Mine Action Centre (NMAC) in Colombo, and with support from UNDP and UNICEF.
- In order to facilitate IDP resettlement, the areas designated

by the government for residence and livelihood remain the high priority for issuing clearance tasks. Across all districts, tasks now increasingly include land clearance for livelihood and infrastructure. Surveys and clearance activities have extended to the Eastern Province for the first time since the end of the war.

- As of January, the total estimated Confirmed Hazardous Area (CHA) in Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Ampara, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa is 20.514km².
- A total area of 0.759km² was cleared through MFD and Battle Area Clearance (BAC) in the Northern Province but no area was released through survey (Table 4).



Table 4: Northern Province Mine Clearance activities in January 2012

District	Area Cleared (MFD and BAC) in January 2012	New Areas Identified in January 2012	Area Cleared/Released since January 2012	Estimated Confirmed Hazardous Area (CHA) Remaining
Jaffna	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.700
Killinochchi	0.080	0.000	0.080	29.0
Mannar	0.174	0.089	0.174	33.845
Mullaitivu	0.338	1.105	0.338	28.745
Vavuniya	0.167	0.114	0.167	12.447
Total	0.759 km²	1.308 km²	0.759 km²	109.737 km²

Source: UNDP, January 2012

- The government is yet to release the following areas for necessary mine action interventions:
 - Mullaitivu district, Maritimpeattu DSD: Ampalavanpökkunai, North Western portion of Mulliwaikkal East, Mulliwaikkal West (Northern part above Wadduvakal causeway).

- o Jaffna District: Fifteen GNDs in the Tellippalai DSD.

Table 5: Status of Mine Action in PTK DSD in Mullaitivu district

GN Division	Remarks
Malligaithivu	Tasks in Malligathivu are being assigned to MAG. There are 3 CHAs in the middle of the Residential area in Malligathivu. (DA 723, 722 & 728)
Ananthapuram	Tasks in Ananthapuram to be assigned to SLA HDU. The number of CHAs within the GND is unknown .(NTS outstanding)
Manthuvil	2 CHAs will be assigned to SLA HDU. (DA 729 & 730).
Puthukkudiyirippu East	3 CHAs will be assigned to MAG.(DA 726,727& 725)
Puthukkudiyirippu West	Puthukkudiyirippu Central College and town premises residential area including Sri Subramaniam College have been released through clearance in 2011. Remainder of tasks to be assigned to FSD. Number of remaining CHAs is unknown .(NTS outstanding)
Sivanagar	Cemetery area released through clearance in 2011. 1 remaining CHA will be assigned to the SLA HDU. (DA 746)

- Mine Risk Education (MRE) continues among host and resettled communities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces with 21,427 people having received MRE in January. MRE Training of Trainers (ToT) was provided for MRE staff members in the Vavuniya district and around 12 MRE staff attended. Around 2,500 MRE materials were distributed and pasted in Mine/ERW contaminated villages.
- Approximately 112 explosive devices and suspected

dangerous areas were reported by communities and the NGO networks. The majority of the reported items were removed. Thirty six war-injured and disabled persons were identified by MRE NGO partners and referred to available services and support mechanisms.

- In January, 3 mine/ ERW incidents and 8 casualties were reported.

Table 6: Land release during January 2012 and socio-economic purpose of new tasks issued³

District	Released through clearance (minefield and BAC)	Planned socio-economic purpose for tasks issued during the reporting period
Vavuniya	4 Clearance tasks were completed and handed over to the authorities in the Vavuniya and Vavuniya North DSDs	2 Clearance tasks for livelihood and residential purposes were issued in Vavuniya Town DSD
Mannar	2 Clearance tasks were completed and handed over to the authorities in Madhu and Manthai West DSDs:	NA.
Mullaithivu	3 Clearance tasks were completed and handed over to the authorities in Maritimepattu and Oddusuddan DSDs	1 NTS task issued in Oddusuddan DSD
Killinochchi	1 clearance task was completed and handed over to the authorities in the Karachchi DSD	5 clearance tasks were issued for supporting resettlement purpose and 1 task for the livelihood and infrastructure purposes.

Source: UNDP, January 2012

³ Referring to tasks on land that was restricted to the public and/or marked off as hazardous at the time the task was issued.

Table 7: Divisional Secretariat Divisions where new contamination was identified during January 2012

District	Estimated contamination (Confirmed Hazardous Area)	Known contamination (Defined Hazardous Area)
Vavuniya	NA	Vavuniya South DSD.
Mannar	Madhu DSD	NA
Mullaithivu	Maritimenpattu & Puthukudiyiruppu DSDs	Oddusuddan DSD
Trincomalee	Kuchchaveli DSD	NA

Source: UNDP, January 2012

Table 8: On-going tasks as of 31 January 2012

District	Surveys and Assessments	Clearance by DSD
Vavuniya	NA	Clearance tasks are being conducted at 6 GNDs in Vavuniya Town DSD, 3 GNDs in Vavuniya North DSD, 3 GNDs in Vengalcheddikulam DSD and 1 GND in Vavuniya South DSD.
Mannar	NA	Clearance tasks are being conducted at 5GNDs in Madhu DSD, 2 GNDs in Mannar Town DSD, 1 GND in Musali DSD and 3 GNDs in Manthai West DSD.
Mullaithivu	NA	Clearance tasks are being conducted at 4 GNDs in Manthai East DSD, 7 GNDs in Maritimenpattu DSD, 5 GNDs in Oddusuddan DSD, 6 GNDs in Puthukudiyiruppu DSD and 1 GND in Thunukkai DSD.
Jaffna	NA	3 GNDs in Maruthankerni DSD, 3 GNDs in Chavakachcheri DSD, 2 GNDs Thellipalai DSD and 3 GNDs in Uduvil DSD.
Killinochchi	Resurveys of Confirmed Hazardous Areas are being conducted in Poonakari and Karachchi DSDs	3 GNDs in Kandawalai DS division; 12 GNDs in Karachchi DSD; 4 GNDs in Poonakari DS division

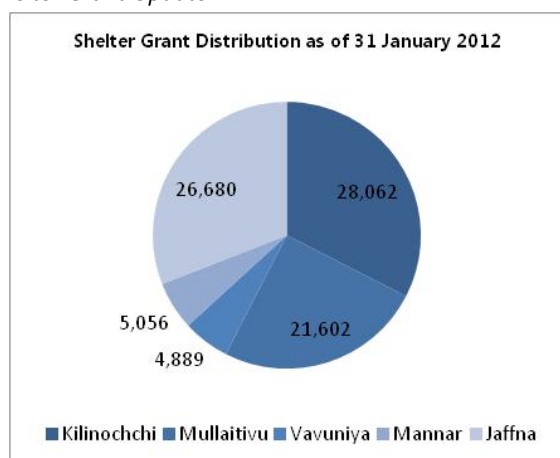
Source: UNDP, January 2012

Shelter, Non-Food Items (NFIs) and Permanent Housing | Sector Leads: UN-HABITAT and UNHCR

Partners include Caritas, DRC, Habitat for Humanity Sri Lanka, FAO, IOM, Janasuwaya/ PWJ, JEN, LEADS, NRC, OfERR (Ceylon), SAH, SciSL, SEED, Shanti, SLRCS, Tdh, The Refugees Rehabilitation Organization, UMCOR, UNHABITAT, UNOPS, ZOA



► Shelter Grant Update



Source: UNHCR, 16 February 2012



- Emergency Shelter Kits were provided by UNHCR to 19 returning IDP families in Kokkuthuduvai in Maritimpattu DS of Mullaitivu district.
- Many of the shelter cluster partners in Jaffna district indicated that due to lack of funding for 2012 for shelter, most of them are relocating their programmes to Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts. Only few agencies will be involved in transitional shelter construction in 2012 in Jaffna districts. Further, WASH facilities for proposed new shelters in Jaffna is a major challenge and clusters continue to work together to seek new initiatives.

Table 9: Transitional Shelter Construction/ Repairing (R) & Decommissioning (D) during January 2012

District	Transitional Shelters	Agencies
Jaffna	180	JSAC, Sewalanka
Kilinochchi & Mullaitivu	1,544	ZOA, UNOPS
Vavuniya (Menik Farm Zone 0)	76 (R)	UNOPS
	80 (D)	UNOPS

Source: UNHCR, January 2012

► *Non-Food Items (NFI) Update*

- 113 NFI Return Kits were distributed to the returned families in newly released areas in former in Chavakachcheri division in Jaffna.
- 293 families (1,025 individuals) in Vavuniya North (Kanagarayankulam South & North, Puliyankulam South &

North) and 49 families (141 individuals) from various GNDs in Vavuniya DS (walk-in cases in office) were provided with NFIs. Sixteen returnee families who did not receive their NFIs during the distribution in the return areas (Vavuniya & Cheddikulam) were assisted after appropriate verification. Twenty seven refugee returnee families were assisted with NFIs in Vavuniya district during reception days (Tuesdays) of UNHCR Vavuniya field office.

- 318 NFI packs were distributed among 313 families in Kilinochchi district.
- DRC with the logistical support from UNHCR, provided NFIs to 38 returnee families from Menik Farm to to Kokkuthuduvai North and South GNs (Maritimpattu DS, Mullaitivu).

► *Permanent Housing*

- Donors and government projects are currently committed to support the building and repairing of 34,500 houses against a total 'need' which exceeds 100,000 houses in the Northern Province. As of 7 February 2012, there were 16,400 new houses completed, 6,726 houses were in progress while 3,213 houses were yet to commence against a commitment of 26,313 for full reconstruction (Table 10). Further, agencies have completed Major Repairs on 4,296 houses while work is on-going on 1,458 houses, and work on 1,172 houses is yet to commence from a total commitment of 6926 houses (Table 11). Agencies have also completed the full construction of 399 Core Houses and have 315 in progress, while work on 547 houses is yet to commence against a total commitment of 1,261 houses.

Table 10: Total # of permanent houses - full-reconstruction

District	Committed	Progress	Completed	To be started	Agencies
Vavuniya	3,585	773	1,009	1,803	ASB, SEED, UN-HABITAT, UNDP, Indian Proj, NHDA
Kilinochchi	8,529	2,504	5,488	537	UN-HABITAT, SLRCs/IFRC, NEHRP, Caritas, Indian Proj, Swiss Labour Assistance, SDC, NHDA, NRC, Shanthi Community
Mullaitivu	4,558	1,538	2,817	203	NEHRP, SLRCs/GRC, UN-HABITAT, SLRCs/JRC, SDC, Indian Proj, UNDP, NHDA
Mannar	2,737	760	1,627	350	NEHRP, SLRCs/NRC, Caritas, CTF, Muslim Aid, UNDP, Family Health Programme, Indian Proj, People's Bank, NHDA, UN-HABITAT, MWDF
Jaffna	6,904	1,151	5,459	294	NEHRP, UN-HABITAT, SDC, Caritas, Indian, UNDP, NHDA
Total	26,313	6,726	16,400	3,187	

Source: District Secretariats, Planning Divisions, Agencies, Deputy Programme Directors – NEHRP. Compiled by: UN-HABITAT

Table 11: Total # of Permanent houses – Repairs

District	Committed	Progress	Completed	To be started	Agencies
Vavuniya	504	65	179	260	SEED, PIN, Offer Ceylon, REPPIA, UN-HABITAT
Killinochchi	3,120	522	2,319	279	UN-HABITAT, REPPIA, Caritas, NHDA, SDC
Mullathivu	3,045	871	1,585	589	Caritas, UMCOR, SLRCs/GRC, UN-HABITAT
Mannar	233	-	193	40	CTF, Muslim Aid, YGRO, Offer Ceylon, Sarvodaya, Habitat for Humanity
Jaffna	24	-	20	4	UNDP
Total	6,926	1,458	4,296	1,172	

Source: District Secretariats, Planning Divisions, Agencies, Deputy Programme Directors – NEHRP. Compiled by: UN-HABITAT

Table 12: Total # of Permanent houses – Core houses

District	Committed	Progress	Completed	To be started	Agencies
Vavuniya	89	0	89	0	NRC
Killinochchi	561	200	68	293	Sarvodaya, NRC
Mullaitivu	362	94	14	254	Caritas, NRC
Mannar	100	21	79	0	Habitat for Humanity, RDF
Jaffna	149	0	149	0	UMCOR, Caritas, Habitat for Humanity
Total	1,261	315	399	547	

Source: District Secretariats, Planning Divisions, Agencies, Deputy Programme Directors – NEHRP. Compiled by: UN-HABITAT

- With the lessening of the northeast monsoon rains in January, many families have recommenced their house construction activities in the Northern Province. However, accessibility to remote villages and transportation of building materials remains difficult as the rains have damaged internal road networks.
- The supply of sand and alternative timber for housing construction continues to be a problem in the North. In particular, communities in Killinochchi district are experiencing difficulties in obtaining sand from customary areas, e.g. Anaivilunthan Kulam, due mine risk. This issue has been brought to the attention of the UNDP Mine Action Unit.
- Divisional Secretaries of the Northern Province have begun conducting divisional level progress review meetings of sectors including housing and shelter, WASH and livelihoods.
- Shortage of skilled labour for house construction – particularly masons, remains a challenge in the Northern Province. There is an urgent need for additional training opportunities to meet the reconstruction needs of the north. This will require additional funding either from government or donor sources if implementation delays are to be averted.

Recruitment of suitable candidates for construction skills training requires urgent attention. Training courses will need to be provided in Mullaitivu and Killinochchi districts specifically, though general shortages of skills are evident throughout the north.

- Housing implementing agencies have observed that some beneficiaries are losing their housing grants when banks use the grants to pay off existing agricultural loans. The use of joint bank accounts for receipt of the housing installment generally gets around this problem, assuming that the agricultural loan was in a sole name as the traditionally practice.
- The Indian Government's new housing programme was advertised in January with a closing date of the 8 February 2012 for potential Implementing Agencies to apply, suggesting that the programme will begin activities on the ground within few months.



Roof work in progress in the Northern Province. Credit: UN HABITAT

WASH | Sector Lead: UNICEF

Partners include ADRA, DRC, JEN, Janasuwaya/ PWJ, LEADS, MSF-F, NRC, OfERR(Ceylon), RI, SAH, SEED, Sewalanka Foundation, SLRCS, Tdh, UNOPS, WCSL, WVI, ZOA



► *Menik Farm, Vavuniya district*

- In January 2012, IDPs in Menik Farm had access to a daily average of 18.0 liters of drinking water per person per day in Zone 0 and 13.0 liters in Zone 1 (above the SPHERE standard of 7.5-15 litres daily per person). Additional water was supplied from dug wells and raw piped water for other uses. ASB provided water bowsering up to 31 January and the Assistant Commissioner for Local Governance (ACLG) until 28 February with UNICEF financial support.
- With funding up to end of February, ACLG continues to provide solid and liquid waste management services to both zones.
- During January, UNOPS repaired 44 toilets in Zone 0 and 110 toilets in Zone 1. The conditions of WASH facilities in the Menik Farm was closely monitored during the rainy season to ensure IDPs have continuous access to toilets and water supply points.
- SLRCS continued to carry out hygiene promotion activities in Menik Farm while taking care of the general health and hygiene promotions issues, including child friendly spaces. All IDPS residing in Zone 0 received hygiene kits during January.

Resettlement response

- Access to drinking water is the main issue for nearly 4,530 people including 1,250 children and 200 pregnant mothers living in Delft, which is a remote, isolated Island in Jaffna. With the request from GA Jaffna, ACLG together with the Delft Pradeshiya Sabha and community-based organizations started to improve the existing water supply scheme which is

more than 52 years old and was build with iron pipes. The first phase of the project is completed and the scheme was officially opened for public use on 26 January 2012.

- Resettled communities in the recently released GNDs in Tellipalai, Kopay, Nallur, Karainagar, Chavakachchri and



Delft water supply scheme opened for public use on 26 Jan 2012. Credit: UNICEF

Vadamaradchy East DS divisions of Jaffna district have limited access for WASH facilities. These areas became accessible by the public after more than 20 years. Clearing the area and identifying their wells and toilets are in the progress. Initial assessment reveals that damages for existing WASH facilities are very heavy.

- UNICEF facilitated the WASH cluster meetings with NWSDB, local government staff and health staff in Vavuniya, Mullaitivu Mannar, Killinochchi and Jaffna districts to discuss all WASH related activities. Priority was given for WASH gaps in the resettlement areas mainly with regard to providing toilets for shelters. UNICEF updated and shared WASH response matrix for north.

Table 13: Total # of toilets cleaned/repaired/constructed (completed)

District	Total as of 30 Dec 11	Achievement: (1-31 Jan 11)	Total as of 31 Jan 11	Agencies in January 2012
Mannar	3,228	0	3,228	UNICEF/Muslim Aid, IOM, ACTED, ZOA, SARVODAYA/OXFAM / Sewalanka/UNICEF
Mullaitivu	2,188	6	2,194	IOM, NRC, SciSL, UNICEF/RDF
Vavuniya	1,925	0	1,925	UNICEF/RI, VOVCOD, Muslim Aid,
Kilinochchi	3,456	6	3,462	UNICEF/SLF, UNOPS, IOM, Cordaid
Jaffna	1,740	11	1,751	DRC, NRC, UNICEF, SLF, ZOA, CARITAS, SDC, ZOA TRRO, IOM, SWL, SLRCS
Total	10,612	23	12,560	

Source: UNICEF, 6 Feb 2012

Table 14: Total # of wells cleaned/rehabilitated/constructed (completed)

District	Total as of 31 Dec 11	Achievements (1–31 Jan 11)	Total as of 31 Jan 11	Agencies in January 2012
Mannar	1,390	0	1,390	UNICEF, UNICEF/ACLG Mannar, ZOA, WVI, IOM, SARVODAYA/OXFAM, CTF/Diakonia
Mullaitivu	2,614	0	2,614	UNICEF, MTI, Oxfam Australia, CARE, LEADS,
Vavuniya	1,944	0	1,944	UNICEF, Oxfam Australia, SEED, RDF, OFERR, Sewalanka, RI, FOSDOO, SEED, JEN
Kilinochchi	2,639	4	2,643	UNICEF/WRB, WVI, UNICEF/SLF, UNOPS, ZOA, UNICEF/WB, CTF/CordAid
Jaffna	885	6	891	DRC,NRC, UNICEF,SLF,IOM,YCRO,SLRCS,
Total	9,472	10	9,482	

Source: UNICEF 6th Feb 2012

► *WASH in Schools*

- In 2011, UNICEF initiated the construction and/or rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation facilities for the benefit of more than 5,000 students in 10 schools in Kilinochchi district. During January 2012, works completed in 9 schools with 1 school is still in progress. This work is carried out by either the School Development Societies or private contractors under monitoring and supervision by the zonal director of education office.
- UNICEF supported rehabilitation and construction of water and sanitation facilities in 8 schools in Thunukkai DS division and 7 schools in Mannar DS division. Following these construction, a physical gap analysis in all schools was conducted. In PTK rehabilitation of WASH facilities in 10 schools have been completed



WASH in schools in Mannar

► *WASH interventions for Health care centers*

- UNICEF supported the improvement of WASH facilities in 5 health care centers in Kilinochchi district with the aim of benefiting more than 10,000 people including 5,000 pregnant women and 2,000 children. As of January 2012, works in 4 hospitals were completed.
- In PTK rehabilitation of WASH facilities in 4 GHCs (at Vallipunam, Kombavil, Kaiveli, Suthanthirapuram) have been completed during January.

