

# 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

### Returns and displacement

By 30 June, about 440,700 people (131,000 families) had returned to the Northern Province. This figure includes some 230,000 people (72,000 families) displaced after April 2008 and 211,000 persons (58,000 families) displaced before April 2008. Approximately 6,000 IDPs (1,800 families), displaced after April 2008, remained in Menik Farm awaiting return to their areas of origin.

On 23 June, 47 families returned from Menik Farm to Thirumurikandy Grama Niladhari Division (GND), in Oddusuddan Divisional Secretariat Division (DSD) of Mullaitivu District. Among them, 28 families resettled in their place of origin or accepted the plots of land allocated to them by the civil authorities. However, 18 families went back to Menik Farm due to unresolved land issues, one family chose to stay with relatives. Since that time, the military released more of the GND to support voluntary IDP resettlement. Thus, the IDPs were able to resettle/relocate to Thirumurikandy GND.

On 6 July, the authorities organized a preliminary go-and-see visit to Mullaivaikal West GND (Maritimepattu DSD, Mullaitivu District) for IDPs originally from the area living in Menik Farm. Former residents of the region living in Kombavil makeshift village or with host families also seek to reclaim their homes/lands.

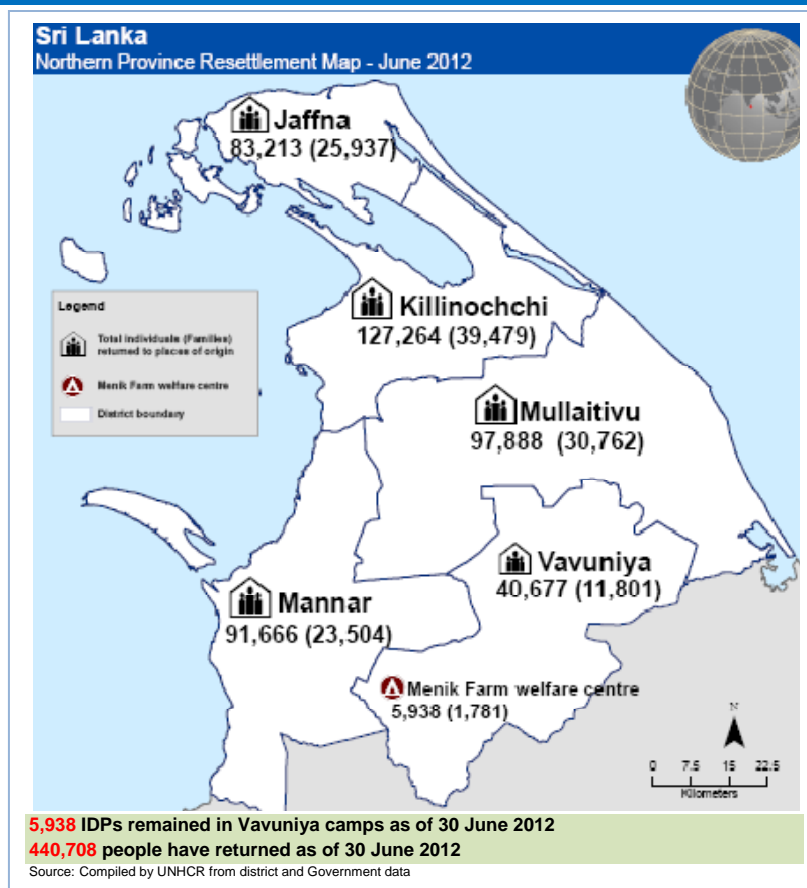
During a time of accelerated resettlement, the humanitarian community supports the GoSL to ensure safe, dignified and voluntary resettlement in keeping with international standards and practices. This includes the completion and certification of humanitarian demining, sufficient information and knowledge of conditions in IDP home areas/relocation options, access to basic services and livelihoods for returning families. Strong partnership and cooperation between the Government and agencies are indispensable at this time.

An additional 7,300 IDPs (1,970 families) from the protracted or long-term caseload, displaced prior to April 2008, remained in welfare centers in Jaffna District.

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 host families, or are stranded in transit sites. Additionally long-term IDPs seek assistance to reclaim their homes and properties or integrate with their host communities.

### Funding

- The 2012 Joint Plan of Assistance for the Northern Province (JPA) is underfunded at US\$ 25 million, or 17.5% of the total requirements of US\$ 147 million for the humanitarian response in the Northern Province. (Visit the Financial Tracking Service <http://fts.unocha.org/pageloader.aspx?page=emerg-emergencies&section=CE&year=2012> for more details.)



**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.

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

**Partners** include CARE, DRC, FORUT, LEADS, OfERR (Ceylon), SCISL, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, World Vision



- Many services in Menik Farm, such as provision of ambulances, distribution of dry rations and hygiene kits, and shelter maintenance/decommissioning, are likely to be halted at the end of June as agencies face difficulties in raising funds. However, the Competent Authority has announced he will request service providers to continue supporting IDPs remaining in the camp until they have found a durable solution.
- In June, the Shanthiham Institute in Jaffna started a UNHCR-supported six-month counseling course for 23 Women Development Officers (WDOs) in the Northern Province. The course is aimed at building the capacity of WDOs to respond to counseling needs, particularly as a response mechanism to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).
- Upon the request by the Deputy Inspector General of Police, UNHCR and UNICEF are developing a curriculum on SGBV training for police officers in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts. It has been agreed to prioritise the training for Women and Children's Desk officers before training officers in other departments. The training is scheduled to start in July.
- UNHCR and partners conducted one awareness-raising session on documentation in Kuchchaveli where individuals were assisted in completing their applications for birth certificates, National Identity Cards, marriage certificates, and consular birth certificates.
- The following activities were carried out in June under UNDP's Equal Access to Justice Project, which is nationally implemented by the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration:
  - 969 people were able to apply for birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, NICs, Citizenship Certificates, and Elder Identity Cards during several pre-mobile documentation programmes in Madhu and Thampanaikulam Divisional Secretariat Divisions (DSDs) in Mannar districts, Weli Oya DSD in Mullaitivu and in Jaffna.
  - During a special programme conducted in Mannar, 89 people were able to convert their Indian birth certificates into consular birth certificates.
  - In preparation for conducting community awareness programmes in Kilinochchi using street drama as a means to convey information about women's rights, Gender Based Violence (GBV) and justice redress mechanisms, the project supported Sarvodoya Legal Services Movement to conduct a Training of Trainers (ToT) for the actors that would make up the drama team, Child Rights Promotion Officers, Officers of the Divisional Secretaries, Social Services officer, Probation officer, and Grama Niladharis etc.
  - Community legal awareness programmes on SGBV and legal remedies were held on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in the Delft AGA office Hall, Delft North Centre GN office and Delft Karavaththai Hall in collaboration with Centre for Women and Development organization for about 227 people.
  - On the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, in collaboration with the Jaffna Social Action Centre, four village level groups were established in different areas of Jaffna (Kaneswaram–Thellippalai, Kanthikiramam–Kopay, Kompanyupulam–Sandilipay and Mandaithivu–Velanai) to provide support for SGBV cases, in particular supporting their referral to appropriate remedial systems.
  - Throughout the month of June the project also supported the Jaffna Social Action Centre to improve conditions in safe houses by providing items such as cupboards and mattresses.
- In June, the five Legal Aid Commission (LAC) field offices in the Northern Province, with the support of NRC's ICLA project, handled a total of 76 legal cases, 321 counselling cases and 357 documentation cases. They also conducted seven trainings for about 403 people. They further conducted six awareness sessions for 286 beneficiaries. The legal staff of LAC offices did 397 court representations this month.
- The Government has directed IOM to stop issuing special identity/accreditation cards to alleged LTTE cadres, who have completed rehabilitation. IOM used these cards to identify these people for livelihood assistance.

- IOM is providing technical assistance to the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) to establish the first government shelter for identified victims of trafficking. The building for the proposed shelter is located at the outskirts of Colombo within the Western Province. On 29 June, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and IOM to establish the shelter. The National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force led by the MoJ will ensure that the shelter is established and operational.
- In June, 11 children from children's homes were reunited with their families and 138 children at high risk of family separation were prevented from being separated through the establishment of prevention mechanisms and safety nets. 32 families and their children have received family support (cash grants, education assistance, medical treatment and counseling) to prevent institutionalization of the children.
- UNICEF engaged with the Ministry of Social Service (MoSS) to provide psychosocial assistance such as individual and

family counseling for IDPs and cash grant assistance to vulnerable families. 24 individuals have been reached through counseling support and 44 vulnerable families were reached through cash grant assistance.

- Through UNICEF supported safe houses 32 children and women in need of special protection have received protective care.
- Two children formerly associated with armed groups were assisted with reintegration services - formal education, vocational training, livelihood support, and psychosocial assistance.
- During June UNICEF supported 69 community-based children activities through structures such as Children's Clubs, Child Development Committees, Child Friendly Spaces, and Village Child Rights Monitoring Committees for over 200 children. These structures provided the much required platform for child protection monitoring and referrals to appropriate services including counseling support.

## Education and Sports | Sector Lead: UNICEF

**Partners** include ChildFund Sri Lanka, CORDAID, DRC, FORUT, IOM, Janasuwaya/PWJ, NRC, OfERR (Ceylon), Oxfam Australia, PARCIC, PWJ, RtR, SCiSL, SEED, Sewalanka Foundation, Tdh, UMCOR, UNDP, UNICEF, WVI and ZOA



### Menik Farm

- School children in the Menik Farm were given 1,375 learning kits by UNICEF to assist their continued education. These kits included exercise books, pens and pencils.



*Photo 1: Children in the Menik Farm receiving learning kits*

- ZOA continued their educational support with special coaching classes for children who are attending at the scholarship examination and O/L examination in August and December 2012 respectively.

### Resettlement

#### **Mullaitivu District:**

- On 25 June, Kokkuthoduvai Government Tamil Mixed School (GTMS) in Mullaitivu was re-opened for 98 students through UNICEF and FORUT support in constructing

Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS). Save the Children (StC) is planning to construct permanent buildings to this school.

- UNICEF continues supporting of construction and rehabilitation of 10 schools with AusAID funding in Mullaitivu district. Construction of Mullaitivu Maha Vidyalayam with the support of Irish funding is in progress.
- In Mullaitivu district GIZ is constructing a new building block in Uduppukulam Vidyalayam and Sewa Lanka is supporting for repair activities in Central College and Kuravil GTMS to overcome the demand of classrooms in these schools.
- The recently reopened Karunadakerni School in Mullaitivu district will be rehabilitated by the GoSL.

## Mannar District:

- StC is also assisting renovation of classrooms in Munrampiddi GTMS and provided learning space for approx. 200 children in Madhu zone in Mannar.
- ADB supported Northeast Community Restoration and Development project (NECORD) programme provide funds for Madhu Zonal Education Office to construct staffing quarters at the zonal office. In addition the NECORD allocation also used to build quarters for teachers attached to Karunkandal School. This structure will provide accommodation facilities for 20 teachers who are currently traveling long distances, enabling them to stay during weekdays and to attend school on time.

## Jaffna District:

- Caritas - HUDEC continues their monthly cash assistance for 500 war affected returnee children (6- 12 yrs) to meet their educational needs on purchasing stationery items, paying tuition and school fees. In addition, Caritas - HUDEC has also distributed stationary kits, shoes and other educational items to 65 children ensuring them a continued education.
- UNICEF assists the Northern Provincial Department of Education to implement Accelerated Learning Program (ALP). This activity is implemented in 200 schools in Jaffna



Photo 2: Pre-school teacher training program in Kilinochchi. Credit: World Vision

district for those students who lost education due to war and other socio-economic factors.

- Thiyahie Charitable Trust (TCT) is assisting about 300 socially and economically vulnerable children to continue education in Jaffna.
- StC supports classroom renovation and Play Park in Poompukar GTMS and Keerimali Naguleswara Vidyalayam which was reopened in March for about 400 children.
- GIZ/ESC (Education for Social Cohesion) is supporting Provincial Education Authority to establish psychosocial centers by providing counsellors in hospitals as well as conducting pilot activities on sex education, peace and value education in schools.
- In Kilinochchi district, World Vision (WV) carried out the following activities during the month of June:
  - Conducted 2 days trainings on Basic Education Improvement Plan (BEIP) for 80 preschool teachers and preschool development committee members. Further, an awareness programme on child rights was conducted through facilitation by National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) Coordinator (GA's Office) for 80 preschool teachers.
  - In Karachchi DSD construction of one preschool was completed.
  - Installation of 26 DRR billboards in Kilinochchi (6) & Mullaitivu (20) Districts is ongoing.
  - Installation of 5 billboards on child protection in association with of NCPA.
  - Conducted ToT for 35 school teachers from Poonahary, Karachchi, Kandawalai and Palai DSD, conducted by the Assistant Director of Education (ADE) and resource persons from Kilinochchi District Disaster Management Center (DMC).
- In Jaffna, WV completed the construction of Madduvil Ambal preschool. Training for a total of 76 preschool teachers in Chanknai (38) and Chavakachcheri (38) DSDs were held during June. Further, WV distributed school bags, drink bottles, lunch boxes, caps and books to 183 children attending 8 preschools in Chanakani DSD. Gift items provided to the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) unit of Thenmarachy Zonal education office and 180 school bags provided at the Zonal preschool sports meet. In addition, a slow learners training was held at Thenmarachy Zonal Education office for 20 mobilizers and 2 volunteers. Further, WV and the Thenmarachy Zonal Education office supported 11 schools to develop School Development Plans with the participation of School Development Society (SDS) members, parents, Old Boys/Girls Associations, students, teachers and principals. 100 bicycles were distributed to the SDS on the agreement that a monthly rental of Rs.50.00 is paid by the parents.

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

**Partners** include ACTED, CARE, Caritas, ChildFund Sri Lanka, CORDAID, DRC, FAO, FORUT, FOSDOO, GTZ ProMiS, HI, ILO, IOM, Janasuwaya/PWJ, JEN, LEADS, Muslim Aid, N-GACDO, NRC, OfERR (Ceylon), Oxfam Australia, Oxfam GB, PARCIC, PIN, Practical Action, WFP, World Vision, UNDP and ZOA

**Food security**

- The delay of North West monsoon rains has caused severe drought condition in the country affecting the country's agricultural sector threatening to destroy majority of expected yield from paddy, vegetable and other food crop cultivations. According the Ministry of Agriculture, nearly 150,000 acres of cultivation lands are in danger of getting destroyed due to the drought in certain parts of the country, especially in the North, North Central, Eastern and North Western provinces. Many small reservoirs in these provinces have dried up and the cultivations have been destroyed leaving the destitute farmers to seek assistance to recover their losses. WFP is working closely with the Government in monitoring and assessing the situation.
- WFP's ongoing Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) focuses on targeting humanitarian and early recovery needs of returnees in the Northern Province, while ensuring that the needs of the remaining IDPs still living in camps are adequately covered until their return to places of origin. In June, WFP Distributed 1,475mt of food to 29,288 returnees and IDPs in camps, cooked school meals for 157,230 students, and micronutrient fortified blended food (CSB) for 39,433 malnourished children under five years, pregnant women and nursing mothers through its Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Programme (MCHN).
- Under the nutrition-oriented development project, WFP is providing fortified take-home rations to children under-5 years, pregnant and lactating women in nine selected districts. WFP is also supporting the GoSL to increase its production of thriposha (a locally-fortified food) by upgrading a factory's machinery and providing raw materials.
- A storage and post-harvest project is being implemented to ensure the proper storage and timely distribution of seeds, fertilizers and tools under the agriculture sector to reduce post-harvest losses in the northern districts. It will

**Agriculture**

- FAO with financial assistance from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is providing paddy, other food crops (OFC) and vegetable seeds to farmers who missed the *Maha 2011/12* season and newly resettled farm based

also provide training and capacity-development support to women farmers on post-harvest and storage mechanisms at the village level.

- WFP has also supported the GoSL, with the assistance of UNDP, to submit a proposal to the Adaptation Fund Board in Washington that addresses the adverse impacts of climate change. The project aims to build diversified and resilient livelihoods for marginalised farming communities in the Mahaweli River Basin – which comprises over one sixth of the total land area of Sri Lanka – through effective management of land and water resources. An increase in extreme rainfall events in the country in recent decades has resulted in increased flooding and the erosion of arable soil, which has impacted upon agricultural productivity.



*Photo 3: Sprinkler irrigation at Eluthumadduval North. Credit: UNDP*

- WFP works in close collaboration with the GoSL (mainly with the Ministry of Economic Development) to manage internal transport, storage and handling of WFP-supplied food. WFP also works closely with the Ministries of Health, Education and Agriculture. Other partners include NGOs such as World Vision, ZOA Refugee Care and Sewalanka Foundation, as well as private sector entities, such as Cargills (Ceylon) PLC.

households, in time for planting during this *Yala 2012* season. Harvesting is expected to begin during late July. The following tables provide details on the quantities of seeds delivered.

**Table 1: Quantities of paddy and OFC distributed under Yala 2012 programme**

Crop	Quantity (kg)				
	Mullaitivu	Kilinochchi	Vavuniya	Jaffna	Total
Paddy	1905	-	-	-	39,053
Green gram	-	2,240	180	-	2,420
Ground nut	-	9,000	8,000	-	17,000
Cowpea	-	1,440	800	-	2,240
Maize	-	360	-	-	360
Red onion	-	-	70,000	23,000	93,000
Chilli	-	40	24	-	64

Source: FAO, July

**Table 2: Vegetable seed packets distributed under Yala 2012 programme**

Crop	Number of packets		
	Vavuniya	Kilinochchi	Total
Brinjal	100	224	324
Tomato	50	220	270
Capsicum	100	200	300
Pumpkin	50	272	322
Long bean	50	256	306
Amaranthus	0	312	312
Bitter gourd	0	228	228
Snake gourd	0	248	248
Okra	0	240	240
Beetroot	50	0	50

Source: FAO, July 2012

- According to the June crop forecast issued by the Department of Agriculture (DoA), crop damages were reported in the districts of Kurunegala, Batticaloa and Puttalam. Persistent drought may reduce average yields during the Yala 2012 season. Although the paddy provided by FAO to Mullaitivu during this season is being cultivated under irrigation, there are reports of some paddy damage in the Northern Province. Out of the OFC provided by FAO, there are reports of some damage to red onion crops. FAO in partnership with the DoA will continue to closely monitor the situation.
- Poultry packages are being provided to 900 vulnerable households in Vavuniya and Mullaitivu Districts.
- With the support of Norway funding, FAO has provided equipment to industrious organizations, enterprises and households in Vavuniya and Mullaitivu Districts to embark

on processing and value addition of crops and milk and to upscale ongoing processing facilities. FAO is presently monitoring the outcome of this activity.

- With funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), FAO and UNDP is continuing to provide integrated agricultural recovery support to returning families and host communities in Jaffna, Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi Districts. In addition to providing horticulture, livestock and fisheries inputs to selected beneficiaries, FAO through this initiative is rebuilding the artificial insemination (AI) centre laboratory in Jaffna to upscale the regional agriculture research centre soil sampling laboratory in Kilinochchi. Further, another project in Jaffna uses youth animators to prune over 5,000 mango trees in an effort to increase production and stimulate mango fruit processing.
- FAO with USAID financial support is renovating 100 minor irrigation tanks, and is providing agriculture inputs to 1,350 families and poultry packages to 600 recently returnee and resettled families in Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi Districts.
- The recently launched EUR 4 million Irrigation and Agriculture Livelihood Development Project funded by the EU in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu will be a four-year partnership with local communities, government departments and authorities. The project focus is renovation of minor irrigation systems and will bring additional FAO irrigation, water engineering, farm systems and training expertise to the north, and help connect recover activities to longer term, sustainable activities.
- IOM is reconstructing nine irrigation systems in Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya Districts. This project supports agriculture development in the districts. Further, IOM is constructing a food processing training center for the District Agriculture Training Center in Jaffna for the benefit of the entire Northern Province.

**Livelihoods**

- WV with funding support from Japan Platform Fund (JPF) provided agriculture inputs to 38 beneficiaries, poultry to 75 beneficiaries, goats to 50 beneficiaries and cattle to 36 beneficiaries in Karachchi DSD (Sivanagar, Pannankandi and Maruthanagar).
- As part of WV's small business development project, 36 beneficiaries were provided with sewing machines and two beneficiaries received carpentry tools, while five beneficiaries received small business inputs including shop-keeping tools and 232 individuals were given marketing training.
- WV through funding received from OFDA:
  - Distributed water pumps among 97 families from Wishvamadu East GN (and one family received a cash grant to continue livelihood activities), sewing machines to 12 families and 72 families were provided with livelihood assets such as water pumps for agricultural activities and cash grants were awarded to 11 families in Kombavil and Wishvamadu East GNs.
  - Distributed 221 livestock packages (poultry, cattle, goat), 64 fishing nets, three canoes and agricultural tools for 376 families in the Puthukkudiyiruppu (PTK) and Maritayempattu DSDs while 74 youth were given skills development trainings such as tailoring, beauty culture and driving.
  - In Maritayempattu DSD, 14 families were provided with sewing machines and five families received cash grants.
  - Cash-for-work activities are ongoing in in Mullaitivu District with more than 60% participation by women. In PTK, a 5km road is being rehabilitated benefiting about 180 community members.
  - In Maritayempattu DSD, a 12km road was rehabilitated benefiting 750 individuals.
  - Rehabilitation of an irrigation channel (1,500m) in Aattupulavu village, PTK DSD was completed benefitting about 88 families.
  - 30 members of Women Rural Development Society from Uppumaveli and eight individuals from PTK have been assisted through small industrial activities such as broom stick preparation, mat weaving and packing food items.
  - Construction of a market building and multi-purpose hall has been completed in Silawaththai DSD.
- ZOA distributed 202 start-up livelihood packages in Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya Districts with funding assistance from USAID. The initiative benefited 202 families.
- In Jaffna District, IOM supported the fisheries sector by constructing one auction center, one resting hall for fishermen, an ice plant and reconstructing a breakwater.
- IOM provided 100 dairy assistance packages for the dairy farmers in Kandawalai, Kilinochchi District ensuring the steady milk production. Further, IOM has strengthened the capacity of three Livestock Breeders Cooperative Societies (LIBCOS) and is in the process of building three milk processing and sales outlets for the LIBCOS in Kandawalai and Karachchi DSDs in Kilinochchi District and Thunukkai DSD of Mullaitivu District. In support of strengthening mechanisms of knowledge transfer to the community, IOM assists the Department of Animal Production and Health to establish a model farm for the District Training Center in Kilinochchi.
- In the Northern Province, UNICEF through partnership with the Vocational Training Authority (VTA) and National Youth Services Council, supports the reintegration of children and youth, including children at risk of family separation, through vocational training, life skills education, and employment opportunities. In June, 49 youth were following alternative education or employment programmes.



Photo 4: Beneficiary with Harvested Onion Vaththirayan South. Credit: UNDP

**Early Recovery Infrastructure Development**

- IOM is reconstructing a bridge with a section of access road in Vavuniya and a bridge and a market place in Mullaitivu District.
- In June, 70% of the construction of the Thondamanaru bridge in the Jaffna District by UNOPs was completed with financial support from the Government of Spain.

**Disaster Risk Reduction**

With the aim to increase the resilience of communities exposed to recurrent natural and manmade disasters while increasing the community's income generation possibilities, IOM is constructing and rehabilitating productive infrastructure to reduce the impact of the recurrent natural disasters on both human lives and livelihoods. IOM has developed plans to reconstruct the salt water extrusion and flood control bund (embankment) in order to prevent the salinisation of land and ground water in Chavakachcheri DSD in Jaffna district.

## Health and Nutrition | Sector Lead: WHO

**Partners** include CHA-Mercy Malaysia, Christian Aid, HI, IOM, MSF France, MSF Holland, MTI, Muslim Aid, ORHAN, TdH, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, World Vision and ZOA



### Disease Surveillance

- No disease outbreak was reported during the reporting period from Menik Farm welfare center or from Vavuniya district. Disease surveillance activities, maternal and child health activities and health promotion strategies continue in Menik Farm with the support of Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) Vavuniya.
- Population Services Lanka (PSL) continued to support the outpatient care services in Menik Farm during June.

### Curative care

- WHO continue to support primary health care services in resettlement areas with special focus on remote health facilities in the Northern Province. WHO currently support 10 health assistants who provide curative health care services in Kaiveli, Divisional Hospital (DH) PTK, DH Alambil, DH Poonagary, DH Vattakachchi and DH Akkarayankulam in Mullaithivu and Kilinochchi Districts.

- Handing over of the newly constructed Puliyankulam Gramodaya Health Center (GHC) in Vavuniya District by the German Red Cross (GRC) took place on 15 June. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> GHC built by GRC since 2011 in Vavuniya District in addition to GHCs at Katkulam, Kulavisuddan and Agbopura. The construction of GHC at Omanthai is 65% completed and waits handing over to RDHS in the coming months.
- Furthermore, GRC continues to support 789 families in Anandhapuliyankulam, Paranthan, Nainamadhu, Katkulam and PTK in conducting hygiene promotion programs, dengue control programs and education on home gardening. Toilet construction for 42 beneficiary families is on-going. In addition, GRC supported the emergency health services in Vavuniya North with provision of an ambulance to Nadunkerny Hospital since 2011. This ambulance service also supports outreach medical mobile services in the remote areas of the Vavuniya North DSD.



Photo 5: GHCs at Kulavisudan, Katkulam, Aabopura and Pulivankulam. Credit: German Red Cross

- Under WVs health assistance to the Northern Province, 10 mobile clinic services were conducted and 1,600 mosquito nets were distributed to families in Vavuniya North, Vavuniya District. In Kilinochchi District, hygiene awareness trainings were conducted in Karachchi DSD.

### Mental health and SGBV prevention

- Gender Based Violence (GBV) centers at Mannar General Hospital and Jaffna Teaching Hospital continues successfully with the WHO support.
- WV's Mental Health and Psychosocial Care project (REMIND) carried out the following activities:
  - 20 Community Support Officers in Kilinochchi received a three day intensive capacity building program in June.
  - On June 22, a Community Support Centre built with support from AusAid was opened in Malayalapuram, Kilinochchi District.

- 2,000 client drug tracking collection books were distributed to the mental health unit in Vavuniya.
- 508 A-level and O-level students from six different schools in Mannar District were given awareness education on developing coping skills by the ISAs, Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and Public Health Inspector (PHI) from Mannar District. Similar training was conducted for 114 students from three schools in Vavuniya district.
- Seven mental health awareness trainings were given for 163 Elder's organization leaders in Mannar District by psychosocial workers and counselors. Two mental health awareness sessions were conducted in Vavuniya District benefiting 45 individuals.
- REMIND project provided financial support and trophies for the Musali Divisional sports meet.

## Rehabilitation services

- Sri Lanka School of Prosthetics and Orthotics (SLSPO) provided further 21 prosthetics and 24 Orthotics during the month of June. In 2012, SLSPO has supported 545 individual patients during.
- Handicap International’s (HI) physical rehabilitation services in the North for June 2012 included 78 assessments, 37 rehabilitation sessions and provision of 112 devices.
- HI also organized two training programs on 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June on importance of “Early Identification of Disability and Referral” targeting Government health staff, Midwives and community health workers at the RDHS office, Mullaitivu District. A total of 84 Midwives and Community Health Workers from different DSDs of Mullaitivu District were sensitized on different aspects of disability issues and physical rehabilitation services.

## Maternal and Child Health

- UNFPA provided logistical support to the Mullaitivu District health officials to conduct 35 mobile reproductive health clinics serving 1,200 women and girls of reproductive age.



Photo 6: Mothers obtain their ANC Clinic testing & examination services through using by LISA Mobile Vehicle service in MOH, PTK. Credit: UNFPA

## Mine Action | Sector Lead: UNDP



### Coordination and Government Partners

- Regional Mine Action Offices (RMAOs) are located in the GA offices of Jaffna (covering the Jaffna and Kilinochchi 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 Kilinochchi 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 GoSL for residence and livelihood remain high priority for issuing clearance tasks. Across all districts, tasks now increasingly include land clearance for livelihood and infrastructure. Surveys and clearance activities also continue in the Eastern Province. Table 3 depicts the clearance activities carried out during June, None of the areas have been released through survey during the month.

**Table 3: Clearance and Contamination Summary (in km<sup>2</sup>)**

District	Area Cleared (MFD and BAC) in June	New Areas Identified in June	Area Cleared/ Released since Jan 2012	Estimated CHA Remaining
Jaffna	0.075	0.176	0.329	4.409
Killinochchi	0.551	0.055	1.878	28.459
Mannar	0.055	0.073	0.605	30.005
Mullaitivu	1.884	0.056	4.770	28.252
Vavuniya	0.018	0.013	0.719	11.137
Batticaloa	0.000	0.000	0.188	14.576

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Trincomalee	0.001	0.000	0.010	3.418
Amapara	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.024
Anuradhapura	0.000	1.036	0.000	3.351
Pollanaruwa	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.181
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.585</b>	<b>1.408</b>	<b>8.501</b>	<b>123.812</b>

Source: UNDP, June 2012

- The government is yet to release 15 GNDs in Tellipalai DSD in Jaffna District for necessary mine action interventions.

**Table 4: Land release during June 2012 and socio-economic purpose of new tasks issued<sup>1</sup>**

District	Released through clearance (minefield and BAC)	Planned socio-economic purpose for tasks issued in the reporting period
Vavuniya	2 Clearance tasks partially completed and handed over in Vengalcheddikulam and Vavuniya Town DSDs	4 Clearance tasks issued for livelihood and residential purposes in Vavuniya DSD
Mannar	1 Clearance task partially completed and handed over in Madhu DSD	11 Clearance tasks issued for livelihood and residential purposes in Manthai West, Madhu and Nanaddan DSDs
Mullaitivu	6 Clearance tasks partially completed and handed over PTK and Manthai East DSDs	4 Clearance tasks issued for livelihood and residential purposes in PTK, Manthai East and Maritimpeattu DSDs
Kilinochchi	15 Clearance tasks completed and handed over in the following DSDs: Pachchipalli, Karachchi, Kandawallai & Poonakari	2 Clearance tasks issued for supporting resettlement purpose in Karachchi DSD
Jaffna	2 Clearance tasks completed and handed over in Maruthankerny and Tellipalai DSDs	

Source: UNDP, May 2012

**Table 5: DSDs where new contamination was identified during May 2012**

District	Estimated contamination (Confirmed Hazardous Area)	Known contamination (Defined Hazardous Area)
Vavuniya	Vavuniya DSD	NA
Mannar	Madhu & Nanaddan DSDs	NA
Mullaitivu	Puthukudiyiruppu DSD	NA
Anuradhapura	Mahavilachhiciya DSD	NA
Jaffna	NA	Tellipalai and Kopay DSDs.
Kilinochchi	NA	Karachchi and Pachchipallai DSDs.

Source: UNDP, June 2012

<sup>1</sup> 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 6: Ongoing tasks as at 30 June 2012**

District	Surveys and Assessments	Clearance by DS Division
Vavuniya	NA	5 GNDs in Vavuniya Town DSD, 4 GNDs in Vavuniya North DSD, 1 GND in Vavuniya South DSD, 1 GND in Vengalcheddikulam DSD.
Mannar	NA	5 GNDs in Madhu DSD, 1 GND in Mannar Town DSD, 1 GND in Musali DSD, 1 GNDs in Manthai West DSD.
Mullaitivu	NA	3 GNDs in Manthai East DSD, 4 GNDs in Maritimenpattu DSD, 2 GNDs in Oddusuddan DSD, 12 GNDs in Puthukudiyiruppu DSD.
Batticaloa	NA	Kumpurumooali GND in Kaoralaipattu DSD.
Trincomalee	NA	Pulmoddai G3 GND in Kuchchaveli DSD.
Jaffna	NA	2 GNDs in Maruthankerni DSD, 3 GNDs in Chavakachcheri DSD, 1 GND Thellipalai DSD.
Kilinochchi	Resurveys of Confirmed Hazardous Areas are being conducted in Poonakari, Kandawallai and Karachchi DSDs	3 GNDs in Kandawalai DSD, 2 GNDs in Pachchipallai DSD, 13 GNDs in Karachchi DSD, 3 GNDs in Poonakari DSD.

*Source: UNDP, June 2012*

### Mine Risk Education

- Mine Risk Education (MRE) continues among host and resettled communities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces whereby 23,257 people received MRE in June. Around 25,000 community members who visited the Wattapolai temple festival were also reached through MRE program.
- 2,318 sets of MRE materials were distributed in Mine/ERW contaminated villages.
- 71 war-injured and disabled persons were identified and referred to support mechanism by MRE NGO partners in June.
- One MRE capacity building training was conducted for 45 MRE staff in Kilinochchi and Jaffna districts.

**Table 7: MRE Coverage**

District	Coverage for the month (June)	Coverage since Jan 2012
Vavuniya	1,812	8,633
Mannar	4,682	16,468
Mullaitivu	4,708	24,819
Kilinochchi	3,412	15,366
Jaffna	4,362	18,494
Batticaloa / Ampara / Trincomalee	4,281	20,483
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,257</b>	<b>104,263</b>

*Source: UNICEF, June 2012*

- 215 explosive devices were reported by communities and the NGO networks. The majority of these items were removed.

**Table 8: Mines and ERW Reported by Community Members**

District	Mines/ERW Reported
Vavuniya	36
Mannar	29
Mullaitivu	62
Kilinochchi	41
Jaffna	39
Batticaloa / Ampara / Trincomalee	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>

*Source: UNICEF, June 2012*

**Table 9: Mine/ERW Accidents and Casualties**

Month	Mine/ERW Accidents	Mine ERW Casualties
January	3	8
February	1	1
March	3	9
April	2	4
May	4	4
June	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>

Source: UNICEF, June 2012

- Out of 28 casualties, 17 were children (approx. 61%) including four child deaths.

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

**Partners** include ACTED, ASB, CARE, Caritas, CORDAID, DRC, FORUT, FOSDOO, Habitat for Humanity Sri Lanka, IOM, JEN, LEADS, Muslim Aid, NRC, OfERR (Ceylon), OHRD, Oxfam Australia, PIN, PWJ, SAH, SciSL, SEED, Sewalanka Foundation, SLRCS, SciSL, Tdh, UMCOR, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNOPS, WVI and ZOA



### Shelter Update

**Table 10: Shelter Grant Distribution as of end June 2012**

District	Shelter Grant Distribution
Kilinochchi	28,217
Mullaitivu	21,697
Vavuniya	4,966
Mannar	5,056
Jaffna	26,801
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,737</b>

Source: UNHCR, July 2012

- By end June, UNOPS completed its shelter assistance to the Menik Farm. 387 emergency shelters were repaired in Zone 0 (shelters in Menik Farm have been repaired multiple times). At the end of the project, UNOPS handed over a stock of nails to the camp management for the continuation of shelter maintenance work.
- ZOA constructed 116 transitional shelters in Mannar (8), Vavuniya (42) and Jaffna (66) Districts with financial support from USAID.

### Distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs)

- 388 NFI kits were distributed to IDP returnee families in Mannar, Jaffna, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya Districts. In total 119,085 NFI kits were distributed in the North since August 2009.

### Permanent Housing

- Donors and government projects are currently committed to support the building and repairing of 34,552 houses against a total 'need' in excess of 100,000 houses in the Northern Province. As of 5 July, there were 19,337 *new houses* completed, 5,589 houses were in progress while 2,028 houses were yet to commence against a commitment of 26,954 for full reconstruction (Table 11). Further, agencies have completed *Major Repairs* on 5,315 houses while work is on-going on 1,225 houses, and work on 147 houses is yet to commence from a total commitment of 6,687 houses (Table 12). Agencies have also completed the full construction of 523 Core Houses and have 323 in progress, while work on 65 houses is yet to commence against a total commitment of 911 houses.

**Table 11: Total # of permanent houses - full-reconstruction**

District	Committed	Progress	Completed	To be started	Agencies
Vavuniya	3,785	1,302	1,341	1,142	ASB, SEED, UN-HABITAT, UNDP, Indian Proj, NHDA
Kilinochchi	8,734	1,591	6,535	608	UN-HABITAT, SLRCs/IFRC, NEHRP, Caritas, Indian Proj, Swiss Labour Assistance, SDC, NHDA, NRC, Shanthi Community
Mullaitivu	4,766	1,121	3,495	150	NEHRP, SLRCs/GRC, UN-HABITAT, SLRCs/JRC, SDC, Indian Proj, UNDP, NHDA
Mannar	2,737	640	2,069	28	NEHRP, SLRCs/NRC, Caritas, CTF, Muslim Aid, UNDP, Family Health Programme, Indian Proj, People's Bank, NHDA, UN-HABITAT, MWDF
Jaffna	6,932	935	5,897	100	NEHRP, UN-HABITAT, SDC, Caritas, Indian, UNDP, NHDA
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,954</b>	<b>5,589</b>	<b>19,337</b>	<b>2,028</b>	

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

**Table 12: Total # of Permanent houses – Repairs**

District	Committed	Progress	Completed	To be started	Agencies
Vavuniya	284	40	244	0	SEED, PIN, Offer Ceylon, REPIIA, UN-HABITAT
Kilinochchi	3,083	371	2,690	22	UN-HABITAT, REPIIA, Caritas, NHDA, SDC
Mullaitivu	3,063	814	2,168	81	Caritas, UMCOR, SLRCs/GRC, UN-HABITAT
Mannar	233	0	193	40	CTF, Muslim Aid, YGRO, Offer Ceylon, Sarvodaya, Habitat for Humanity
Jaffna	24	0	20	4	UNDP
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,687</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>5,315</b>	<b>147</b>	

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

**Table 13: Total # of Permanent houses – Core houses**

District	Committed	Progress	Completed	To be started	Agencies
Vavuniya	89	0	89	0	NRC
Kilinochchi	386	253	68	65	Sarvodaya, NRC
Mullaitivu	187	70	117	0	Caritas, NRC
Mannar	100	0	100	0	Habitat for Humanity, RDF
Jaffna	149	0	149	0	UMCOR, Caritas, Habitat for Humanity
<b>Total</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>65</b>	

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

- In the Indian Government Housing project, 41,000 houses and repairs for the north and 3,000 houses and repairs for the east and 5,000 for other districts have progressed, and contracts are expected to be signed shortly.
- Shortage of skilled labour for house construction continues to be a challenge in the Northern Province. There is an urgent need for additional training

opportunities to meet the reconstruction needs. Both masonry and carpentry skills are in extremely short supply and are causing delays in construction. With new projects beginning later in 2012, the skills shortage is expected to be exacerbated.

- Wages for construction workers, both skilled and unskilled, have increased 20% to 30% respectively in the Northern

Province. In areas where large scale development programmes are in progress, the demand for both skilled and unskilled workers is very high, with a wage increase of over 30%.

- Due to the limited number of carpentry workshops in Vanni, home owners are facing difficulties in getting their door frames/window frames manufactured on time which has resulted in delaying house construction.
- The National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) and the Ministry of Resettlement jointly implemented housing

project has commenced in Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Jaffna Districts. The beneficiaries would receive a Rs. 200,000 loan and Rs. 100,000 grant. However, it is reported that the Ministry of Resettlement has temporarily stopped providing the grant of Rs. 100,000 causing a slowed progress in project implementation.

- The District and Divisional level Progress Review meetings are continuing. Unresolved issues at this level are referred to the Colombo coordination mechanism for follow-up.



Photo 7: Home owner and his family outside their damaged house in Ambalnagar village in Kilinochchi district before and after major repairs were undertaken. Credit: UN-Habitat

## WASH | Sector Lead: UNICEF

**Partners** include ACLG, ACTED, ASB, CARE International, Caring Hands, CCCD, CDEPS, Christian Aid, CORDAID, DanChurchAid, DRC, FOSDOO, GAFSO, IOM, IRD SL, Jamath Islamic, JEN, LEADS, Muslim Aid, NRC, NWS&DB, OfERR (Ceylon), Oxfam GB, PWJ, RDF, RDHS, RI, SEED, SLRCS, UMCOR, UNDP, UNICEF, UNOPS, WEDF, World Vision and ZOA



### Menik Farm, Vavuniya District

- In June, IDPs in Menik Farm had access to a daily average of 11.2 litres of drinking water per person in Zone 0 and 15.0 litres in Zone 1. They continued to access additional water supply from dug wells and raw piped water (especially in Zone 1) for other uses.
- ZOA is supplying 12,000 litres/day and UNICEF, through the Assistant Commissioner for Local Governance (ACLG) Vavuniya, is supplying 102,500 litres/day. National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWS&DB) resumed the water supply and is currently distributing 24,000 litres/day.
- End June, UNOPS completed its WASH assistance to Menik Farm. In June, UNOPS repaired 320 toilets in Zone 1 and 217 toilets in Zone 0. Further, they decommissioned 234 unused toilets and 39 unused bathing spaces in both Zones.
- Solid and liquid waste management services in both Zones were carried out by the ACLG with financial support from UNICEF until end June. This reduced the possibilities of environment hazard especially during the monsoon season and continued to ensure zero cases of diarrhoea reported even during the height of floods.
- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) continued hygiene promotion activities in Menik Farm. SLRCS is overlooking the general health and hygiene promotions issues, including child friendly spaces in both Zones. In June UNICEF through SLRC, distributed 1,500 hygiene kits. The kits and promotion activities encouraged the families to practice personal hygiene, adopt healthy hygiene practices and maintain a clean environment.

- One significant achievement of the WASH cluster is the maintenance of zero records of waterborne and sanitation related diseases since 2009. This can be attributed to water and sanitation interventions combined with rigorous hygiene promotion programmes in IDP camps and resettlement areas.

## Resettlement response in Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitivu Districts

- UNICEF supported the rehabilitation of 50 dug wells in PTK and rehabilitation of 30 dug wells in Thunukkai in Mullaitivu District (total 80). 17 dug well rehabilitation were completed during June.
- Under EU-SEM project, UNICEF will construct and/or rehabilitate 100 household toilets and 20 dug wells in Vavuniya North and Oddusuddan DSD.
- In Mannar District, Oxfam GB is constructing two water supply schemes together with the NWSDB in Manthai West and Musali DSDs (EU funding). One scheme is an extension of pipeline networks to Illupaikadavai, Anthoniyarpuram, Kalliyady GNDs in Manthai West DSD i.e., water pipeline establishment (17km network) from the overhead tank constructed by World Bank. This will benefit over 1,500 people. The other scheme is a complete water supply system (overhead tank and water pipeline network-15 km) for Silavathurai in Musali DSD for over 2,000 people. Construction works of both schemes are nearing completion. In addition, Oxfam GB will install a water treatment facility in Mannar RDHS office to test water quality regularly.
- In June, WV constructed/rehabilitated 92 toilets and rehabilitated six wells in Jaffna District. In Kilinochchi, 25 toilets were constructed/rehabilitated and 10 wells were rehabilitated. WV also organised an exhibition on hygiene and public health awareness for more than 150 beneficiaries in the same area.
- The Rain Water Harvesting Forum (RWHF) completed their beneficiary selection for 750 vulnerable households, schools and hospitals. So far the Thalinkulam School intervention completed. Interventions in Thalinkulam include three 8m<sup>3</sup> rainwater harvesting units and recharging systems. The



Photo 8: Well construction completed in Thunukkai, Mullaitivu. Credit: UNICEF

Ayurvedic centre in Pambaimadu received a recharging system. The Thalinkulam Government Tamil-Medium School rainwater harvesting system was handed over in June by the Minister for Water Supply and Drainage. Fifty vulnerable households in Cheddikulam DSD (Andiyanpuliyankilam), and 50 vulnerable households in Vavuniya DSD (Kathar sinnakulam and Sri Ramapuram GND), received rainwater harvesting systems. Of the total need of 750, 102 systems have been completed so far.

- ZOA carried out the following with financial support from USAID:
  - Constructed two new wells in Kilinochchi's Kandavalai and Karachchi DSDs benefitting over 30 families. Constructed/rehabilitated 18 wells in Mannar, Vavuniya and Mullaitivu Districts benefitting more than 200 families. Repaired 15 wells in Jaffna, Vadamarachchi East DSD and Kilinochchi, Karachchi DSD benefitting 29 families.
  - Constructed 88 semi-permanent toilets in Jaffna, 45 in Kilinochchi, 22 in Mannar, 40 in Mullaitivu and 50 in Vavuniya District, benefitting 245 families.
- Two tube wells in the Manthai West DSD were renovated benefitting 40 families through funding support from AusAID.
- Through ECHO funding 176 semi-permanent toilets were constructed by ZOA in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts benefitting 46 families and 130 families respectively.



Photo 9: Recharging System Well construction completed in Thunukkai, Mullaitivu. Credit: RWHF

**Table 14: Total # of toilets repaired/constructed (completed)**

District	Total as of 30 May 12	Achievements (1-31 June 12)	Total as of 31 June 12	Agencies in June 2012
Mannar	3,228	0	3,228	UNICEF/Muslim Aid, IOM, ACTED, ZOA, SARVODAYA/OXFAM, UNHABITAT, UNICEF, ACLG, RDHS, ZDE, NWSDB
Mullaitivu	2,670	0	2,670	IOM, NRC, SCiSL, UNICEF/RDF, UNOPS, CARE International, UNHABITAT, ACLG, RDHS, ZDE, NWSDB
Vavuniya	1,983	0	1,983	UNICEF, UNOPS, VOVCOD, Muslim Aid, CARITAS, UNHABITAT, ACLG, RDHS, ZDE, NWSDB
Jaffna	1,987	92	2,079	DRC,NRC,UNICEF,SLF,ZOA,CARITAS,SDC,ZOA TRRO,IOM,SWL,SLRCS,WV
Kilinochchi	3,597	25	3,622	UNICEF/SLF,UNOPS, IOM, Cordaid
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,465</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>13,582</b>	

Source: UNICEF, 4 July 2012

**Table 15: Total # of wells cleaned/rehabilitated/constructed (completed)**

District	Total as of 30 May 12	Achievements (1-31 June 12)	Total as of 31 June 12	Agencies in June 2012
Mannar	1,390	0	1,390	UNICEF, UNICEF/ACLG Mannar, ZOA, WVI, IOM, SARVODAYA/OXFAM, NWSDB, ACLGs, ZDE and RDHS
Mullaitivu	2,651	0	2,651	UNICEF, MTI, Oxfam Australia, CARE, LEADS,CARE International, NWSDB, ACLGs, ZDE and RDHS
Vavuniya	1,944	0	1,944	UNICEF, Oxfam Australia, SEED, RDF, OFERR, Sewalanka, RI, FOSDOO, SEED, NWSDB, ACLGs, ZDE and RDHS
Jaffna	1,060	6	1066	DRC,NRC, UNICEF,SLF,IOM,YCRO,SLRCS,
Kilinochchi	2,681	10	2691	UNICEF/WRB, WVI, UNICEF/SLF, UNOPS, ZOA, UNICEF/WB, CTF/CordAid
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,726</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9,742</b>	

Source: UNICEF, 4 July 2012

## WASH in Schools

- In June, UNICEF completed the construction/rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation facilities benefiting more than 10,800 students in 34 schools in Jaffna District. Priority was given to schools in the recently released areas of Tellippali, Nallur, Thenmaradchy and Vadamadchy East. Improvements in safe water supply and sanitation created a more conducive environment for effective learning and teaching resulting in improved school attendance rates of between 5 to 15 per cent, according to the school principals. The involvement of the school community and students in WASH activities, through the School Development Societies and School Health Clubs, ensured greater ownership of the WASH facilities and proper care and maintenance. This included hygiene promotion activities to instill long-term behavioral changes in the proper use of WASH facilities.

- UNICEF supported WASH facilities construction/rehabilitation in six schools in Kilinochchi District to be completed by end of July benefitting more than 2,097 students. Additionally five schools in Oddusuddan and Vavuniya North and three health institutions in Vavuniya North were selected for EU-SEM project.
- WV constructed two toilets at two preschools in Kilinochchi District.

## WASH in health centers

- In June UNICEF completed the WASH improvements in 26 health care centers in Jaffna District benefitting more than 20,000 people including 10,000 pregnant women and 4,000 children. Similar improvements have begun in Kilinochchi District in five healthcare centres for the benefit of 10,000

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people. By the end of June 50% of the construction work have completed. Access to safe water and improved sanitation ensured safe handling of vaccinations and reduced the spread of infectious diseases among health

workers and patients. Availability of the facilities also supported the retention of health staff providing essential services for vulnerable communities.

## Colombo Meeting Schedule between 13/07/2012 and 31/07/2012

*(Please be aware that meeting times and locations change frequently.)*

Date	Time	Subject of the Meeting	Frequency	Chaired by	Contact Person(s)	Venue	Notes
Thursday, 26 July, 2012	14:00	Food Security, Agriculture and Livelihoods Sector Meeting	Monthly	FAO	Lakmali Wijesinghe, 011 2580798, Lakmali.Wijesinghe@wfp.org	UN Conference room	Invitees Only.
	16:00	Permanent Housing/Shelter coordination meeting	Monthly	UN-HABITAT & UNHCR	Ruwani Hettiarachchi, Senior Programme Assistant, 0112 683968 Ext:379, 97, Rosmead Place, Colombo 7	UNHCR Conference Room, No:	Invitees Only
Friday, 27 July, 2012	10:00	Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) Section, 011 2768555,	Monthly	Secretary of the Ministry of Water Supply & Drainage	Abdulai KaiKai, Chief Water, Sanitation, akaikai@unicef.org	Auditorium of Ministry of Water	Open Meeting to organisations involved in the sector response.

