

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 2012 Joint Plan for Assistance.

I. SITUATION OVERVIEW & HIGHLIGHTS

Returns and displacement

By the end of August 2012, 447,269 people (133,518 families) had returned to the Northern Province. This figure includes 234,024 people (74,192 families) displaced after April 2008 and 213,245 persons (59,326 families) displaced before April 2008¹.

At the end of August, 3,058 IDPs (884 families), displaced after April 2008, remained in camps awaiting return to their areas of origin. During September there were several resettlement movements from Menik Farm and host families to their areas of origin. There was also a voluntary relocation movement of 214 IDPs (55 families) originally from Keppappilavu village of Maritimpattu Divisional Secretariat Division (DSD) to Sooripuram village. This relocation was completed by the Government of Sri Lanka, without assistance from the international agencies. As of 21 September, 1,185 IDPs (361 families) remained in Menik Farm (See Table 1).

An additional 7,329 IDPs (1,981 families) from the protracted or long-term caseload, displaced prior to April 2008, remained in welfare centres in Jaffna and Vavuniya districts.

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.

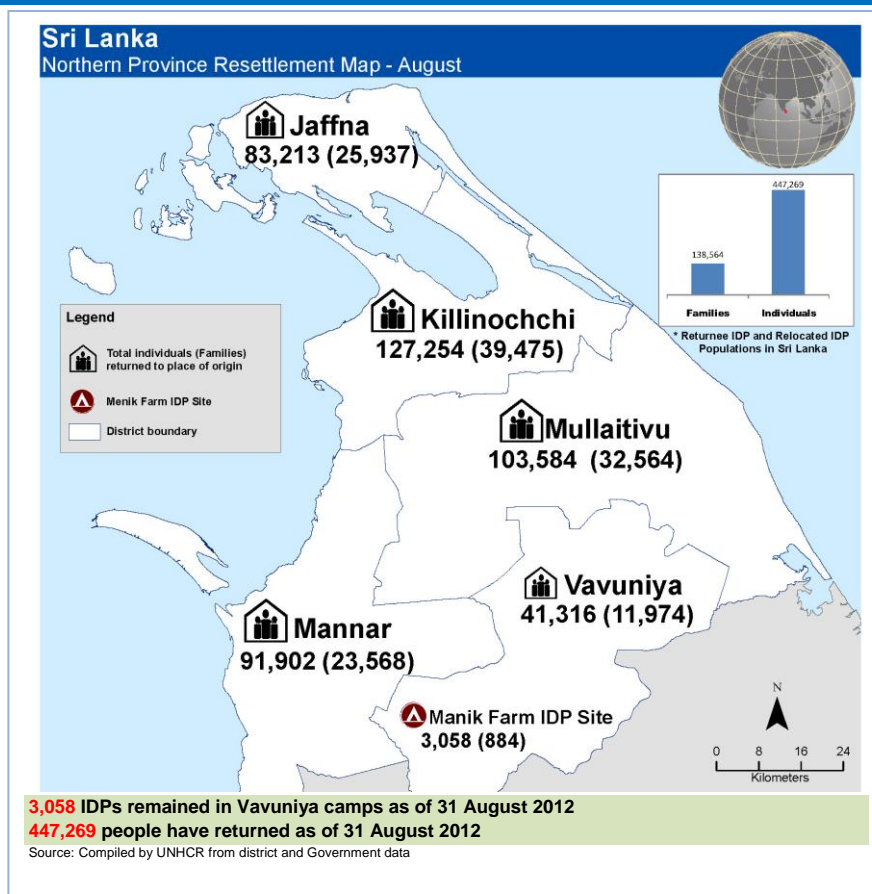


Table 1: Total returns from Menik Farm and host families during August and September

Month	Total Returns		To (DS)
	Families	Individuals	
August 2012	40	131	Maritimpattu, Mullaitivu district
	1,158	3,615	Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu district
Total returns in Aug 2012	1,198	3,746	
September 2012	221	807	Maritimpattu, Mullaitivu district
	888	2,886	Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu district
Total returns in Sep 2012	1,317	4,260	

Source: UNHCR, August - September 2012

¹ There are two major caseloads of displaced people in Sri Lanka. 'New' IDPs were displaced after April 2008, when the Government began its campaign to bring the war to a decisive end. The 'old' (long-term) caseload refers to those displaced prior to April 2008. Note that the total population returned to their areas of origin includes returns from both categories of IDPs.

Prevailing dry condition in the Northern parts of the country

- An assessment of dry conditions affected areas in Jaffna district (Karainagar, Velanai, Kytes and Delft) by WFP indicates high water scarcity and as a result high cost of drinking water. Other key findings include that households are spending more than 90% of their income on food but are consuming insufficient quantities of nutritious food.
- The July 2012 Crop Forecast by the Socio Economic and Planning Centre of the Department of Agriculture reports that the cultivation progress of paddy reported up to end of July 2012 is 394,941 ha; 78% of achievement from the national target of 504,996 ha.
- By end of July, nearly 43,277 ha of paddy lands have been affected by dry conditions.
- Compared to a similar month in *Yala 2011*, the progress of paddy cultivation at the end of July is 19% lower due to the dry conditions. The July 2012 Crop Forecast expects “23% of production loss due to drought from the expected production of 1.57 million mt”. It also forecasts that “the rice production of year 2012 would be sufficient up until mid-April 2013.”

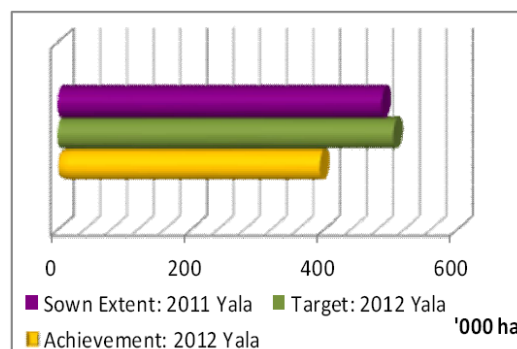
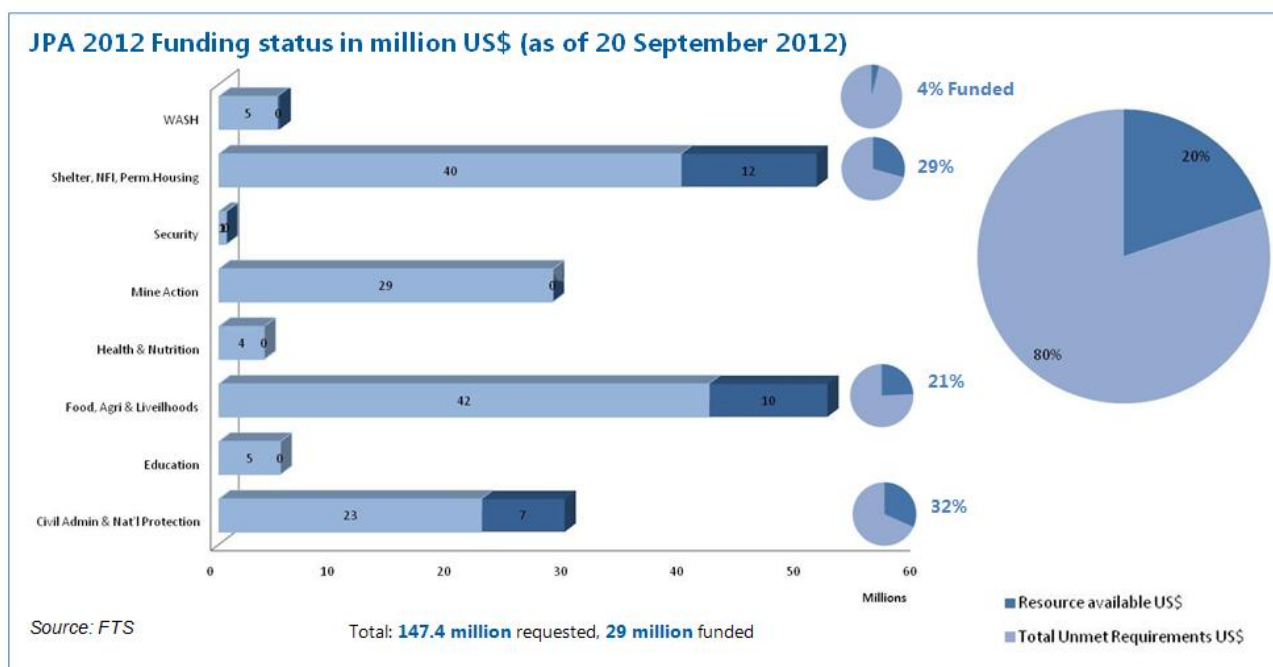


Figure 2: Paddy: Target and progress (as at end of July) Yala 2012 and sown extent Yala 2011 (ha)

Source: Crop Forecast: Yala 2012 (15 August 2012)

Funding

- The 2012 Joint Plan of Assistance for the Northern Province (JPA) remains underfunded at US\$ 29.1 million, or 20% of the total request 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§ion=CE&year=2012> for more details.)



II. SECTOR OVERVIEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Sector activities support the work of their Government counterparts for this month, unless otherwise noted. 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, SCISL, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, World Vision



- The Equal Access to Justice Project (A2J), implemented by the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration and UNDP carried out the following activities with support from UN Human Security Trust Fund and UNHCR:

- 3,141 beneficiaries were supported through seven pre-mobile clinics conducted in Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya districts and through a 2-day documentation clinic in Jaffna district.
- The last citizenship mobile clinic was conducted in Vavuniya district on 30 Aug benefiting 250 people.
- Five Legal Awareness programmes regarding Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), child abuse and alcohol problems were conducted by Divisional Secretariats of Chavakachcheri and Chankanai for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) in Jaffna district benefitting 171 people.
- A2J Partner, Sarvodaya Legal Services Movement, conducted legal awareness programmes using street drama in five villages in Kilinochchi district, benefitting 898 people. They also conducted 27 awareness programmes on land rights (7 in Kilinochchi, 2 in Jaffna and 18 in Vavuniya district) benefitting 1,727 people in total.

- The Institute of Human Rights (IHR) conducted a three-day paralegal training programme for 40 CBO leaders and local NGO officers in Manthai West Divisional Secretariat Division (DSD), and follow-up training programmes for 37 CBO leaders and Local NGO officers, who received the initial paralegal training three months before, in Nannatan DSD of Mannar district. Further, a legal aid clinic was held by IHR in Mannar benefiting 23 people.
- An Information, Counseling and Legal Assistance (ICLA) project by NRC supported five Legal Aid Commission (LAC) field offices in Northern Province to handle a total of 136 legal cases, 218 counseling cases and 428 documentation cases and also seven legal awareness creation sessions for 197 beneficiaries. The LAC field officers did 213 court representations this month. Apart from this, NRC/LAC also provided furniture as part of their material support for the Additional District Registrar's office (ADR) in Kilinochchi.

This was given to the documentation division in order to ensure the confidentiality and security of the personal documents preserved in the ADR office.

- Four children were reunited with their families and 217 children who were at high risk of being separated from their families were prevented from being separated through the establishment of prevention mechanisms and safety nets. Over 400 children received *FiT person allowance*² which is a form of cash assistance to prevent institutionalization. 545 children were provided with other support such as material support, education assistance, medical treatment, and counseling. The Department of Social Services (DoSS), Northern Province was able to support 124 vulnerable families to engage in income generation activities to enhance their capacity to meet their children's protection needs. Further UNICEF supported safe houses provided temporary accommodation for 20 child victims of abuse and exploitation including gender based violence (GBV). UNICEF supported, Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR) Unit for unaccompanied, separated and missing children has successfully traced 100 children, of whom 48 have been or are being reunited with their parents or relatives.

²The FiT Persons allowance – a means of legal fostering – is utilized to take care of separated children and children who are at high risk of separation. These children are looked after by a suitable family or a guardian within the community. Implemented through Magistrate courts, a 'fit person', or foster parent is assigned to look after the child and receives Rs.100-500 a month by the Government to cover living expenses. UNICEF contributed to increasing this allowance to Rs 1,500 in four Provinces – North, East, Central and Uva. A Probation officer and Child Rights Promotion Officer are allocated to each family to monitor the child's overall well-being.

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**

- 54 students living in Menik Farm sat for the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination. Currently, there are 230 students (114 boys and 116 girls) with 10 teachers in Zone 0 and 189 students (97 boys and 92 girls) with 15 teachers in Zone 1.
- Education coaching classes are being continued by ZOA for 22 students who will be taking Ordinary Level examination in December 2012.

Resettlement

- One Temporary Learning Space (TLS) was burnt during school holiday (16 August) in Nochchimoddai Junior Secondary School in Vavuniya North DSD, Vavuniya district. UNICEF is currently financially supporting the School Development Society (SDS) to reconstruct the TLS and create learning environment for students.
- Puthukudiyiruppu Roman Catholic Vidyalayam has been reopened with 253 students. It is expected that the student population will increase with the ongoing resettlement programme.
- Sewa Lanka is in the process of repairing one classroom block (100'x25') in the recently reopened Sivanagar Tamil Vidyalayam in Mullaitivu district. UNICEF has provided a TLS for 55 students to continue their education in the school until the repair work is completed.
- In Puthukudiyiruppu (PTK) DSD, seven schools have been earmarked to be reopened in September benefiting about 1,200 students. Due to heavy damages to the school buildings, UNICEF and Education cluster partners are in the process of finalizing the provision of financial support to construct TLSs.

- The school in Mullikullam in Mannar district which was occupied by Sri Lanka Navy, was reopened on 1 September with two voluntary teachers and 25 children.
- UNICEF, with financial assistance from Irish and AusAID, is in the process of reconstructing/rehabilitating 26 schools in Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi and Thunukkai education zones. Further, ten Divisional Education Offices in the Northern Province will also be repaired with AusAID funds.
- UNICEF is providing support to the Vocational Training Authority (VTA) of Sri Lanka and National Youth Services Council to facilitate the reintegration of children and youth affected by armed conflict including children at risk of family separation to enhance the skills of the youths to increase their employability and create opportunities. In July, 202 youth were following alternative education or employment programmes.
- World Vision (WV) completed constructing four preschools in the Chankanai and Chavakachcheri DSDs in Jaffna district which will provide early education opportunities for children between the ages of 3-5. Further, WV provided furniture to twelve preschools in the same two DSDs. In addition, WV distributed school bags, drink bottles, lunch boxes, caps, Math and Tamil text books in eight preschools in Chavakachcheri DSD. A sports-meet was organized by WV in Chankanai DSD to provide preschool children with an opportunity to display their talents and build their confidence in the presence of adults.



Photo 1: Burned down TLS in Nochchimoddai Junior Secondary School, Vavuniya North; Credit: UNICEF

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**

- Under the Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) programme WFP distributed 906mt of food to 25,704 returnees and IDPs in camps, cooked school meals for 158,607 students and micronutrient fortified blended food (CSB) for 40,540 malnourished children under-five years, pregnant women and nursing mothers through its Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Programme (MCHN). During July-August, 366 new Food-for-Assets projects have been approved and commenced for a total of 603,896 work days in the Northern Province.
- WFP has scaled up its market based assistance programme in Jaffna district, under which 7,000 individuals will receive cash voucher increasing the coverage of cash and vouchers programme.
- Twelve potters and 20 installers were trained in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts and a total of 500 stoves were installed.

Agriculture

- FAO is providing poultry packages to vulnerable resettled households in the Northern Province. Further, FAO is planning to provide seed paddy to cultivate the abandoned land in Mullaitivu district during the *Maha 2012/13* season through AusAID and USAID funding support.
- IOM is currently reconstructing a total of 11 irrigation channels through CBOs (3 in Jaffna, 1 in Kilinochchi, 2 in Mullaitivu and 5 in Vavuniya districts) including supportive irrigation infrastructure such as causeways, access roads etc. Further, to support the cultivation activities, IOM is constructing two salt water exclusion bunds each in Jaffna and Mullaitivu districts. These projects include capacity building programmes on management and maintenance of these bunds and fencing of cultivated areas as a flood mitigation mechanisms as well as crop cultivation and seed paddy. IOM, through local NGO Movement for National Land and Agricultural Reform (MONLAR), is promoting sustainable agriculture practices of planting Gliricidia, home gardening and various agriculture trainings in Vavuniya and Mannar districts.

Livelihood

- A group of women from the Erukkalampiddy Centre, South and West Grama Niladhari Divisions (GNDs) of the Mannar district underwent a three day residential training programme on handicraft using sea shells, in Trincomalee under the UNDP livelihood programme. To facilitate the

programme and future marketing, the women were linked to an entrepreneur engaged in the industry with a number of outlets in Trincomalee.

- A ten day training programme was conducted by UNDP Mannar in conjunction with the “Gamagedara” Training, Research and Resource Centre situated in Horana, for women from the Nanattan DSD, and of Mannar Town DSD of Mannar district, on rush and reed products ranging from sleeping mats and handbags to footwear. The programme intended to enhance the capacity of the participated women to cater the demand for indoor usage footwear made of natural raw materials such as palmyrah and reed. The women were also provided a reasonable production unit arrangement and linked to the hotel industry to market their products.
- A three day residential Advance Agriculture Training was organized and conducted by the CIC Agri business and UNDP. Thirty resettled farmers from Paliyaru, Thevanpiddy and Sethuvinnayagarkulam GNDs of Manthai West Assistant Government Agent (AGA) division have directly benefitted from this programme. New methods and technologies used in paddy, vegetable and fruit cultivation were demonstrated to the participants at the Pelwehera and Hingurangoda farms of CIC. Home gardening, safe handling of agrochemicals, making organic fertilizer, crop protection, irrigation techniques and post harvesting technology were also covered in the programme.
- UNDP distributed water pumps, sewing machines, agro chemical sprayers, delivery pipes (Irrigation), poultry and



Photo 2: An initial Stakeholder Awareness Meeting conducted in Vavuniya. Credit: UNOPS

cattle and supported different types of small business intervention for 61 resettled families in the

Mannakulam and Kanagarayankulam GND of Vavuniya North DSD.

- ZOA and HALO Trust with financial support from DFID handed out seven livelihood packages for returnee IDP families in Kilinochchi district. In Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts, IOM provided 100 dairy packages (including a cow, cow shed, CO3 grass, milking can and training on cattle management) to beneficiaries. IOM also constructed three milk sales outlets and provided equipment/vehicles in Karachchi, Kandawalai and Thunnukai DSDs. In addition, the IOM funded 15 Livestock Development Animators (LDAs) are currently working closely with dairy farmers and would facilitate to enhance the dairy sector in these two districts.
- In Jaffna district, IOM provided training to fishermen on Marine Engineering Technology and out-boat motor repairs. Further IOM completed the construction of basic fisheries infrastructure including an auction centre, resting hall, multi-purpose hall and an ice plant for fishermen in Maruthankerny and Sandilipai DSDs. IOM also reconstructed a breakwater in Passiyoor, Jaffna.
- WV organized an exposure visit for 29 farmers from Karachchi DSD to the CIC farm premises in Polannaruwa district. The purpose of this exposure visit was to improve the knowledge of the farmers on value addition, compost making, soil testing and new technology usage in dairy and agricultural sectors. The sessions were facilitated by resource persons from CIC farm with practical exercises to create awareness. As many farmers who participated in the exposure visit were using traditional techniques of
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farming, modern techniques and technology training provided refreshing start to the upcoming *Maha* season. Post-training monitoring revealed that most of the farmers are now actively experimenting and using these new methods in the field and are keen on continuing the same practices in the future.

- WV partnering with Livestock Breeders' Co-operative Societies (LIBCOs) and Women Rural Development Societies (WRDS) have completed establishing six model farms in Karachchi DSD. These model farms consist of cattle, goats and chicken that will be maintained by LIPCO and the WRDS.

Early Recovery and Disaster Preparedness

- European Union (EU) and UNOPS, under the EU-UN Joint Programme - Support to District Development Programme Sri Lanka (EU-SDDP) - have partnered for new Social Infrastructure Development projects in Mannar, Vavuniya and Batticaloa districts. The project aims to construct a storm water drainage system in the Mannar Township; construct storm water, sewage and waste water drainage system for Vavuniya Township and establish an integrated solid waste management system in Batticaloa district. An initial Stakeholder Awareness Meeting was held in Vavuniya where the Urban Council emphasized that the storm water drainage, sewage and waste water drainage was essential for the township.

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



Curative care

- No disease outbreaks were reported in August from Menik Farm welfare centre, Vavuniya district or other resettlement areas in the Northern Province. However, the Vavuniya Medical Officer of Health (MOH) has not taken over most of the surveillance work in the villages as part of the normal disease surveillance system in the district.

Preventive Health

- World Vision Lanka (WVL) continues to support the construction of the Children's Ward in Chankanai Hospital in Jaffna district including the playground and the playroom inside the children ward. Oral hygiene packs with tooth paste, brush and towel were distributed to 30 pre-school children at Chavakachcheri and Chankanai



Photo 3: Construction of the Medical Consultants Quarters of the Mullaitivu District Hospital. Credit: UNOPS

DSDs in Jaffna district. In addition, WVL trained pre-school teachers on basic health and hygiene awareness, common dental problems among pre-school children, nutrition and importance of healthy nutrition and general health education in Chankanai DSD.

- In Vavuniya North DSD, WVL conducted ten mobile clinic services and distributed 2,000 mosquito nets were to vulnerable communities.
- UNFPA provided logistical support to the health officials to conduct 81 mobile reproductive health clinics in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts.
- UNOPS is in the progress of constructing a Consultants' Quarters and a Medical Officers' Quarters at the Mullaitivu District General Hospital.

Mental Health Services

- WVL introduced client drug tracking collection books to the hospitals in the Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts. In addition, a psychological first aid training program was conducted for 45 Community Support Officers (CSO) from Jaffna, Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts. WVL had a meeting with MSF-France in Mullaitivu district to hand over their clients to the 'Reconciliation through integration of Mental Health in Northern Districts' (REMIND) project. REMIND project is implemented by the Ministry of Health with assistance from the WVL in implementing the community-based component of the National Mental Health Policy in the Northern Province. WVL also conducted mental health awareness trainings to 36 village leaders in Mullaitivu district.
- A Provincial steering committee meeting was held in Jaffna with the Secretary to the Ministry of Health, the consultant psychiatrist Northern Province, member of the Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) and Northern Provincial
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Photo 4: INP training at Mullaitivu for non-health staff.
Credit: UNICEF

Director of Health Services (PDHS) and all mental health doctors in the Northern Province to discuss future plans.

- WHO's support to Mannar and Jaffna districts through GBV centers continues at Mannar General Hospital and Jaffna Teaching Hospital respectively.

Rehabilitation services

- Sri Lanka School of Prosthetics and Orthotics (SLSPO) have provided in total 145 prosthesis and 175 orthotic devices in Northern Province to people with disabilities since January 2012.

Nutrition

- In August nutritional screening for wasting was conducted in Mullaitivu and the coverage is good. All the parents and caregivers of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) Children were called by respective MOH for further one to one counselling and support to improve the situation on top the treatment.

Table 2: Summary of Nutrition Research & Practice (NRP) Data August 2012 in Mullaitivu district

MOH Area	U5 Total	U5 Screened Total	# SAM	# MAM	% SAM	% MAM	% Screening Coverage
Mullaitivu	2808	2403	17	144	0.71	5.99	85.58
Puthukudiyiruppu	2620	2365	25	222	1.06	9.39	90.27
Oddusuddan	1687	1603	23	127	1.43	7.92	95.02
Mallavi	2083	1989	18	181	0.90	9.10	95.49
Total	9198	8360	83	674	0.99	8.06	90.89

Source: UNICEF, 11 September 2012

- Sixty non-health staffs were trained on a two-day Integrated Nutrition Package (INP) at Mullaitivu RDHS conference hall. Non-health staffs from various Government Departments having responsibilities related to Nutrition in the district were given awareness on the integrated efforts on improving nutritional status of

woman, adolescents and children in the district. The trainings were conducted by Medical Officer – Maternal and Child Health (MO-MCHs), MOHs and supervisory public health field staffs with the technical and financial support from UNICEF.

- In Mullaitivu, 30 field and curative health staff were trained



Photo 5: Training on Emergency Obstetric Care in Mullaitivu. Credit UNICEF

on Emergency Obstetric Care and its effects on maternal morbidity and mortality, its prevention and intervention at

District General Hospital (DGH). The trainings were conducted by Consultant Obstetrics and Gynecology, Senior House Officers from DGH Mullaitivu with technical support from UNICEF.

- TDH has distributed seed material under the MCH project implemented in Mallavi MOH area.
- UNICEF conducted training on use of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) for neonatal life saving for 35 participants from General Hospital (GH) Mannar and GH Vavuniya. Consultant Paediatrician from Teaching Hospital Galle, GH Vavuniya and senior Bio-Medical Technician facilitated the training. Further, UNICEF conducted training on INP field implementation and community monitoring to mothers club members and community organization benefiting over 250 persons in Mannar and Vavuniya districts.

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 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. Survey and clearance activities also continue in the Eastern Province.
- The Government is yet to release 15 GNDs in Tellippalai DSD in Jaffna district for necessary mine action interventions

Table 3: Clearance and Contamination Summary (in km²)

District	Area Cleared (MFD and BAC) in August	Area Released Through Survey in August	New Areas Identified in August	Area Cleared/Released since Jan 2012	Estimated CHA Remaining
Jaffna	0.000	NA	0.000	0.415	4.465
Killinochchi	0.000	NA	0.000	2.062	20.849
Mannar	0.069	NA	0.146	0.727	29.744
Mullaithivu	0.264	NA	1.085	5.933	25.261
Vavuniya	0.048	NA	0	0.783	10.896
Batticaloa	0	NA	0	0.188	14.575
Trincomalee	0.001	NA	0	0.014	3.400
Amapara	0	NA	0	0	0.024
Anuradhapura	0	NA	0	0	3.351
Pollanaruwa	0	NA	0	0	0.180
Total	0.382	NA	1.231	10.122	112.745

Source: UNDP, August 2012

Table 4: Land Release during August 2012 and Socio-economic Purpose of New Tasks Issued³

District	Released through clearance (minefield and BAC)	Planned socio-economic purpose for tasks issued in the reporting period
Vavuniya	2 Clearance tasks were partially completed and handed over to the authorities in the Vavuniya Town DSD.	1 Clearance task issued in Vavuniya DSD for livelihood and residential purposes.
Mannar	3 Clearance tasks were partially completed and handed over to the authorities in the Madhu and Manthai West DSDs.	-
Mullaitivu	7 Clearance tasks were partially completed and handed over to the authorities in Manthai East, Maritimenpattu and PTK DSDs	For livelihood and residential purposes the following clearance tasks were issued: 13 in Puthukudiyiruppu DSD, 9 in Maritimenpattu DSD, 8 in Manthai East DSD, and 4 in Oddusuddan.
Kilinochchi	NA	16 clearance tasks issued for supporting resettlement, fishing and livelihood purpose in Karachchi DSD and Pachchilaipalli DSD.
Jaffna	NA	10 clearance tasks issued for supporting resettlement, fishing and livelihood purpose in Tellipalai, Kopay and Nallur DSDs.

Source: UNDP, August 2012

Table 5: DSDs Where New Contamination was Identified During August 2012

District	Estimated contamination (Confirmed Hazardous Area)	Known contamination (Defined Hazardous Area)
Vavuniya	NA	NA
Mannar	Madhu and Manthai West DSDs	NA
Mullaitivu	PTK and Maritimenpattu DSDs	PTK DSD
Jaffna	NA	NA
Kilinochchi	NA	NA

Source: UNDP, August 2012

Table 6: Ongoing Tasks as at 31 August 2012

District	Surveys and Assessments	Clearance by DS Division
Vavuniya	NA	5 GNDs in Vavuniya town DSD, 3 GNDs in Vavuniya North DSD and 1 GND in Vengalcheddikulam DSD.
Mannar	NA	5 GNDs in Madhu DSD, 1 GND in Nanaddan DSD and 1 GNDs in Manthai west DSD.
Mullaitivu	NA	3 GNDs in Manthai East DSD, 5 GNDs in Maritimenpattu DSD, 1 GND in Oddusuddan DSD, 1 GND in Thunukkai DSD and 11 GNDs in Puthukudiyiruppu DSD.
Batticaloa	NA	-
Trincomalee	NA	1 GND in Kuchchaveli DSD.

Source: UNDP, August 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.

Mine Risk Education

- Mine Risk Education (MRE) continues among the host and resettled communities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces with 33,438 people having received MRE in August. Accelerated MRE activities are continuing in new resettlement villages of the Mullaitivu district including Semmankundru, PTK East and West, and Mallikaitheevu. MRE programmes were conducted at Madhu Temple Festival in Mannar district and Tellippalai Temple Festival in Jaffna district for over 60,000 people. 3,216 sets of MRE materials were distributed and posted in Mine/ERW contaminated villages. 112 war-injured and disabled persons were identified by MRE NGO partners during August and were referred to support mechanisms. About 19 village mine action committee members were trained in Mannar district. During August, 6,516 explosive devices were reported by communities and the NGO networks, majority of which items were removed.

Table 7: MRE Coverage

District	Coverage for the month (August)	Coverage since Jan 2012
Vavuniya	2,821	13,815
Mannar	4,412	25,099
Mullaitivu	7,514	39,645
Kilinochchi	5,912	27,094
Jaffna	6,917	32,305
Batticaloa / Ampara / Trincomalee	5,862	32,118
Total	33,438	170,076

Source: UNICEF, August 2012

Table 8: Mines and ERW Reported by Community Members

District	Mines/ERW Reported
Vavuniya	18
Mannar	31
Mullaitivu	143
Kilinochchi	54
Jaffna	6,256
Batticaloa / Ampara / Trincomalee	14
Total	6,516

Source: UNICEF, August 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
July	5	6
August	2	2
Total	22	36

(50% children including 4 fatalities)

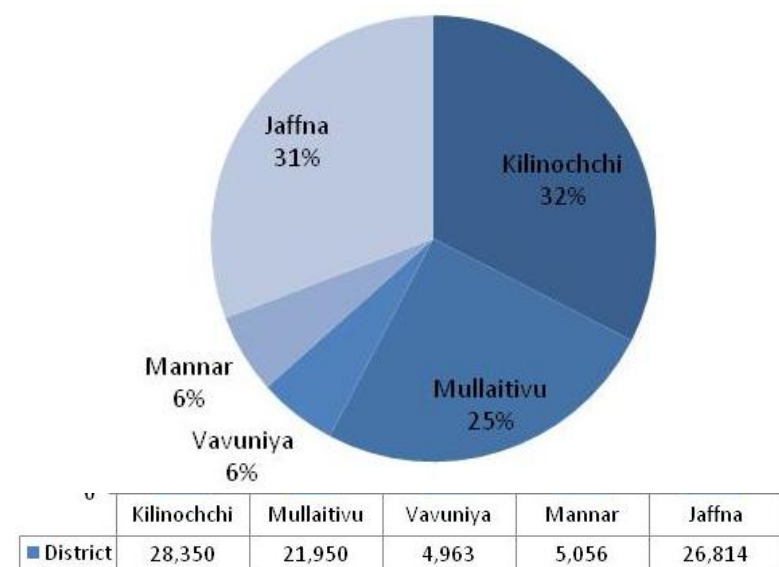
Source: UNICEF, August 2012

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 Grant Update**

Shelter Grant Update as of end-August 2012 (Total LKR 87,133)

**Shelter Update**

- Since mid-August, shelter maintenance has been on hold in Menik Farm due to on-going return movements.
- PWJ has begun the construction of transitional shelters with permanent toilets for 216 families in selected GNDs in the Vavuniya South and Vavuniya DS Divisions, Vavuniya District.

Distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs)

- A total of 1,245 NFI kits were distributed to IDP returnee families in Mannar, Jaffna, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya districts, increasing the total number distributed in the Northern and Eastern provinces since August 2009 to 127,413 NFI kits.

Table 10: # of Transitional Shelters constructed as of 1 September 2012⁴

District	Planned	Completed	Ongoing	Agencies
Jaffna	3,307	2,864	183	DRC, FORUT, IOM, NRC, UMCOR, ZOA
Kilinochchi	7,013	7,731	62	CARE International, DRC, FORUT, IOM, Janasuwaya, LEADS, NRC, UNOPS , WVI, ZOA
Mannar	4,465	4,425	10	SciSL, IOM, Janasuwaya, WVI, ZOA
Mullaitivu	7,418	8,344	183	SciSL, ACTED, CARE International, DRC, FORUT, IOM, Janasuwaya, JEN, LEADS, NRC, OfERR (Ceylon) , Sewalanka Foundation, UNOPS , WVI, ZOA
Vavuniya	7,522	7,532	280	ASB, CARE International, CORDAID, DRC, FOSDOO, Janasuwaya, NRC, OfERR (Ceylon) , Oxfam Australia , SEED, Sewalanka Foundation, WVI, ZOA
Total	29,725	30,896	718	

Source: PTF 3W online database, 1 Sept 2012

Permanent Housing

- Donors and government projects are currently committed to support the building and repair of 35,232 houses (excluding 40,000 houses committed by the Government of India to the Northern Province) against a total 'need' in excess of 100,000 houses in the Northern Province. As of 31 August 2012, there were 20,800 *new houses* completed, 4,077 houses were in progress while 2,746 houses were yet to commence against a commitment of 27,623 for full reconstruction (Table 10). Further, agencies have completed *Major Repairs* on 5,601 houses while work is on-going on 952 houses, and work on 135 houses is yet to commence from a total commitment of 6,688 houses (Table 11). Agencies have also completed the full construction of 551 Core Houses and have 305 in progress, while work on 65 houses is yet to commence against a total commitment of 921 houses.

⁴ The details are derived from PTF 3W online database as updated by individual agencies by 1 Sept 2012

Table 11: Total number of permanent houses - full-reconstruction

District	Committed	Progress	Completed	To be started	Agencies
Vavuniya	3,954	649	1,947	1,358	ASB, SEED, UN- HABITAT, UNDP, GOI, NHDA
Kilinochchi	8,734	1,366	6,758	610	UN-HABITAT, SLRCs/IFRC, NEHRP, Caritas, GOI, Swiss Labour Assistance, SDC,NHDA, NRC, Shanthi Community
Mullaitivu	4,766	689	3,927	150	NEHRP, SLRCs/GRC,UN- HABITAT, SLRCs/JRC, SDC, GOI, UNDP,NHDA
Mannar	2,737	524	2,185	28	NEHRP, SLRCs/NRC, Caritas, CTF, Muslim Aid, UNDP, Family Health Programme, GOI, People's Bank, NHDA, UN-HABITAT, MWDF
Jaffna	7,432	849	5,983	600	NEHRP, UN-HABITAT, SDC, Caritas, Indian Govt, UNDP,NHDA
Total	27,623	4,077	20,800	2,746	

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	12	272	0	SEED, PIN, Offer Ceylon, REPPIA, UN-HABITAT
Kilinochchi	3,084	231	2,830	23	UN- HABITAT, REPPIA, Caritas, NHDA, SDC
Mullaitivu	3,063	709	2,282	72	Caritas, UMCOR, SLRCs/GRC, UN-HABITAT
Mannar	233	0	193	40	CTF, Muslim Aid, YGRO, Offer Ceylon, Sarvodaya, Habitat for Humanity
Jaffna	24	0	24	0	UNDP, SLRCs/IFRC
Total	6,688	952	5,601	135	

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	42	145	0	Caritas, NRC
Mannar	100	0	100	0	Habitat for Humanity, RDF
Jaffna	159	10	149	0	UMCOR, Caritas, Habitat for Humanity
Total	921	305	551	65	

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

- The four selected implementing agencies (IAs) for the Indian Housing Project are IFRC, UN-HABITAT, National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) and Habitat for Humanity. While the project will be implemented in all five districts of the North, the district-wise allocation of the houses is currently being finalized and beneficiary assessment is in progress for the five districts. The allocation for the East is yet to be finalized. A considerable number of people in the Northern Province do not possess legal documents to prove their ownership of land, resulting in delays for beneficiary selection and prioritization.

- Shortage of skilled labour for construction continues to be a major 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 short supply and are leading to delays in construction.



Photo 6: Damaged house of Mr. Karuppaiah Subramaniam of Malayalpuram 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 August, IDPs in Menik Farm had access to a daily average of 10.3 liters of drinking water per person in Zone 0 and 10.1 liters in Zone 1. At present UNICEF through Assistant Commissioner of Local Government (ACLG) Vavuniya supplies 80,000 litres and ZOA supplies 12,000 litres daily. UNICEF and ACLG have committed to provide solid and liquid waste management services to Menik Farm until the end of 2012.

Resettlement response

- National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWS&DB), UNICEF and Rain Water Harvesting Forum introduced the rain water harvesting models in five DS divisions in Vavuniya, Kilinochchi and Mannar districts under IRISH funding. There were 100 youths (20 each in each DS division) trained on this concept.
- NWSDB with UNICEF funding has completed constructing three tube wells out of 28 committed in three schools in Mankulam, Oddusudan and Muththaiyakaddulam in Oddusudan DSD, Mullaitivu district.
- UNICEF conducted a drought gap analysis exercise on WASH for Kilinochchi district. The data were analysed and the needs summarised and circulated to humanitarian agencies for response. However, the analysis indicated that the dry conditions in Kilinochchi are not critical and do not require life-saving interventions.
- Water sources damaged due to conflict are being reconstructed and other water sources are being rehabilitated/constructed in areas with high water scarcity. Increased water supply provision has



Photo 7: Rain Water Harvesting System implementation, Credit: UNICEF

reduced conflict in areas where host communities and IDPs were co-habiting. In addition, supply of safe drinking water has assisted in minimising outbreaks of water-borne diseases in Menik Farm and return areas in the North.

Table 14: Total # of toilets repaired/constructed

District	Total as of 30-Jul-12	Achievements (1-31 Aug 12)	Total as of 31-Aug-12	On going	Agencies in August 2012
Mannar	3,228	0	3,228		UNICEF/Muslim Aid, IOM, ACTED, ZOA, SARVODAYA/OXFAM, UNHABITAT, UNICEF, ACLG, RDHS, ZDE, NWSDB
Mullaitivu	2,670	10	2,670	365	IOM, NRC, SCISL, UNICEF/RDF, UNOPS, CARE International, UNHABITAT, ACLG, RDHS, ZDE, NWSDB, UNHCR, Oxfam GB, JEN, UNHCR
Vavuniya	1,983	81	2,064	48	UNICEF, UNOPS, VOVCOD, Muslim Aid, CARITAS, UNHABITAT, ACLG, RDHS, ZDE, NWSDB, SLRCS/CRC
Jaffna	2,100	64	2,164	100	DRC,NRC,UNICEF,SLF,ZOA,CARITAS,SDC,ZOA TRRO,IOM,SWL,SLRCS,WV, UNICEF/ACLG
Kilinochchi	3,632	47	3,677	40	UNICEF/SLF,UNOPS, IOM, Cordaid, UNICEF/ACLG, ZOA
Total	11,630	116	13,739		

Source: UNICEF, 4 September 2012

Table 15: Total # of wells cleaned/rehabilitated/constructed

District	Total as of 30-Jul-12	Achievements (1-31 Aug 12)	Total as of 31-Aug-12	On going	Agencies in August 2012
Mannar	1,390	0	1,390		UNICEF, UNICEF/ACLG Mannar, ZOA, WVI, IOM, SARVODAYA/OXFAM, NWSDB, ACLGs, ZDE and RDHS
Mullaitivu	2,651	10	2,661	1,396	UNICEF, MTI, Oxfam GB, Oxfam Australia, CARE, LEADS,CARE International, NWSDB, ACLGs, ZDE and RDHS, UNHCR, JEN
Vavuniya	1,944	0	1,944		UNICEF, Oxfam Australia, SEED, RDF, OFERR, Sewalanka, RI, FOSDOO, SEED, NWSDB, ACLGs, ZDE and RDHS
Jaffna	1,080	15	1,095	50	DRC,NRC, UNICEF,SLF,IOM,YCRO,SLRCS, UNICEF/ACLG, WV
Kilinochchi	2,700	49	2,749	19	UNICEF/WRB, WVI, UNICEF/SLF, UNOPS, ZOA, UNICEF/WB, CTF/CordAid, UNICEF/ACLG
Total	12,813	482	13,295		

Source: UNICEF, 4 September 2012

WASH in Schools

- In Jaffna, UNICEF is supporting the construction/rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation facilities in five schools in recently released areas of Tellippali, Nallur and Thenamarachchy for the benefit of more than 1,000 students. Around 50% of work is currently completed. UNICEF has also completed more than 60% of construction/rehabilitation of WASH facilities in eight schools in Kilinochchi district for the benefit of more than 1,500 students.
- WV completed improving WASH facilities in three preschools out of the ten preschools committed in Jaffna. The principals of those selected preschools stated that they recorded an increase of daily school attendance from 5% to 15%, especially amongst adolescent girl students, because of the provision of child friendly water and sanitation facilities to schools.



Photo 8: Newly constructed toilettes for preschools in Karachchi. Credit: World Vision

WASH in health care centres

- UNICEF has completed more than 70% of the WASH facilities improvement works in three health care centres in Jaffna benefiting more than 5,000 people including 4,000 pregnant women and 1,000 children.
- In Kilinochchi, UNICEF funds WASH facility improvements in nine health care centres benefiting more than 10,000 people including 5,000 pregnant women and 2,000 children; 30% of the work is now complete.
- Access to safe water and improved sanitation ensured the reduction in spreading infectious diseases among health workers and patients. Availability of the facilities also supported the retention of health staff providing essential services for vulnerable communities.