



Tamils Rehabilitation Organisation

Head of field office, Mullivaikal, Mullaittivu Sri Lanka

ort.hq@live.com

5th May, 2009
Situation Report
Lawrence Christy
In the 'Safe Zone'

Bomber aircrafts have resumed bombing raids since 4th May, 2009. On 4th coastal IDP settlements were attacked. Today several bombs were dropped in the densely populated interior of the coastal village. This has increased the deaths and injuries manifold. This is an added atrocity apart from mayhem caused by artillery and canon fire.

Famine is widespread. People are not eating for several days. The fainting incidents are common. Many reach the stage of stupor. If not taken any action they reach coma stage and die. No food items in the shops. The land is barren. No eatable vegetation.

TRO's gruel distribution is the only source for some relief. That is the only hope for survival. A time is coming when gruel is going to be the only frugal food for all. There is only enough gruel available for one or two more days. After that no food will be here. All will be exhausted. People will start dying in big numbers. Children emaciated and with bellies and skinny features is familiar sight now. Thousands of them are going to die first.

Pregnant and lactating mothers suffer immensely without food while they need nutritious food. They are traumatized. Pregnant mothers are worried about deformed child to be born by malnutrition. They want to eat more and nutritious food. But food is not there. They go hungry. This affects both the mother and the child to be born. Likewise lactating mothers need the balanced food to feed the baby with mother's milk. Even normal food is not available. It affects the milk production. Not enough milk is produced to feed the baby. It results in both mother and baby becoming lean and bony.

Laurence Christy
Head of TRO Field Office
"Safe Zone"
Mullivaikkal, Mullaitivu District