

Current Situation

Total number of displaced persons	213,166 (22 February UNHCR)
Displaced families	58,941
11 districts	Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar, Vavuniya, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Puttalam, Kurunegala
Total number of Sri Lankan refugees to arrive in Tamil Nadu, India, since the start of 2006	17,755 persons (5,371 families) (23 February 2007, UNHCR)
Highest number of displaced per District	Batticaloa: 76,498 persons (20,833 families) Jaffna: 43,147 persons (13,027 families) Killinochchi: 45,665 persons (11,663 families)



Humanitarian Context

- Security situation remains tense with continuing insecurity for affected populations, humanitarian staff and ongoing operations;
- A joint humanitarian mission organized by the government and led by the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights, Mahinda Samarasinghe and comprising the UN RC/HC and UN Heads of Agencies and foreign envoys was shelled upon landing in Batticaloa on 27 February. Minor injuries were sustained by the party;
- The European Union called "on both sides to immediately halt the violence" and to return to the negotiating table;
- Minister Samarasinghe stated at a meeting in Batticaloa that no IDPs would be forced to return but would be helped to make informed choices;
- Visits of armed groups in displacement sites in Batticaloa remains a concern;
- Programmes in the Western uncleared areas of Batticaloa are affected by restrictions of movements by security forces;
- A team of 11 from UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and OCHA went on a fact finding mission to Eachchilampattai;
- Difficulties continue in crossing the FDL as UN trucks are subject to thorough and repetitive searches;
- UNHCR and protection partners are ensuring daily monitoring of long-term welfare centres in Vavuniya following the withdrawal of police;
- Figures on latest movements in the Vanni still unavailable, however movements away from the frontlines are reported to UNHCR;
- In Jaffna the safety and security of the civilian population remains of serious concern;
- **Civilian deaths: 151 civilians killed in January and 224 injured (SLMM). In February 62 civilians were killed and 61 injured. Overall figures from government for civilian deaths since December 2005-20 February 2007 is 670 civilian deaths.**

Ongoing Operations

- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society continues to provide logistical and distribution support for IDP food assistance in Batticaloa District;
- WFP are working on prepositioning of food in Vavuniya (planned) and Trincomalee;
- WFP will experience pipeline break at the end of March;
- Problem with off loading and storage capacity in Jaffna continues;
- Demining by the military is ongoing in Vaharai;
- Assistance ongoing to over 76,000 IDPs in Batticaloa located in 52 welfare centers. Protection issues in Batticaloa district impacting on school attendance as parents fear for their children's safety;
- UNHCR continues to support local authorities in registration of IDPs in Batticaloa, but some areas remain inaccessible. Training on registration for local officials has also commenced in Ampara District;
- UNHCR and partners continue to prepare sites in Trincomalee for the possible return and relocation of Batticaloa IDPs, as well as liaise with the authorities over 'go and see' visits.

CHAP 2007: Discussions are currently ongoing between agencies and donors concerning the CHAP 2007 which has 72 projects valued at US\$66million for a period of 6-12 months. Agencies are also preparing a final report on CHAP 2006 which includes funding and implementation.

Total Population (2005) ¹	20,743,000
% Under 15 (2005) ¹	24
Population distribution % rural (2005) ¹	79
Life expectancy at birth (2004) ²	71
Under - 5- mortality rate per 1000 (2004) ²	14
Maternal mortality ratio per 100 000 live births (2000) ³	92

Sources: United Nations Population Division, World Health Report 2006, World Health Report 2005

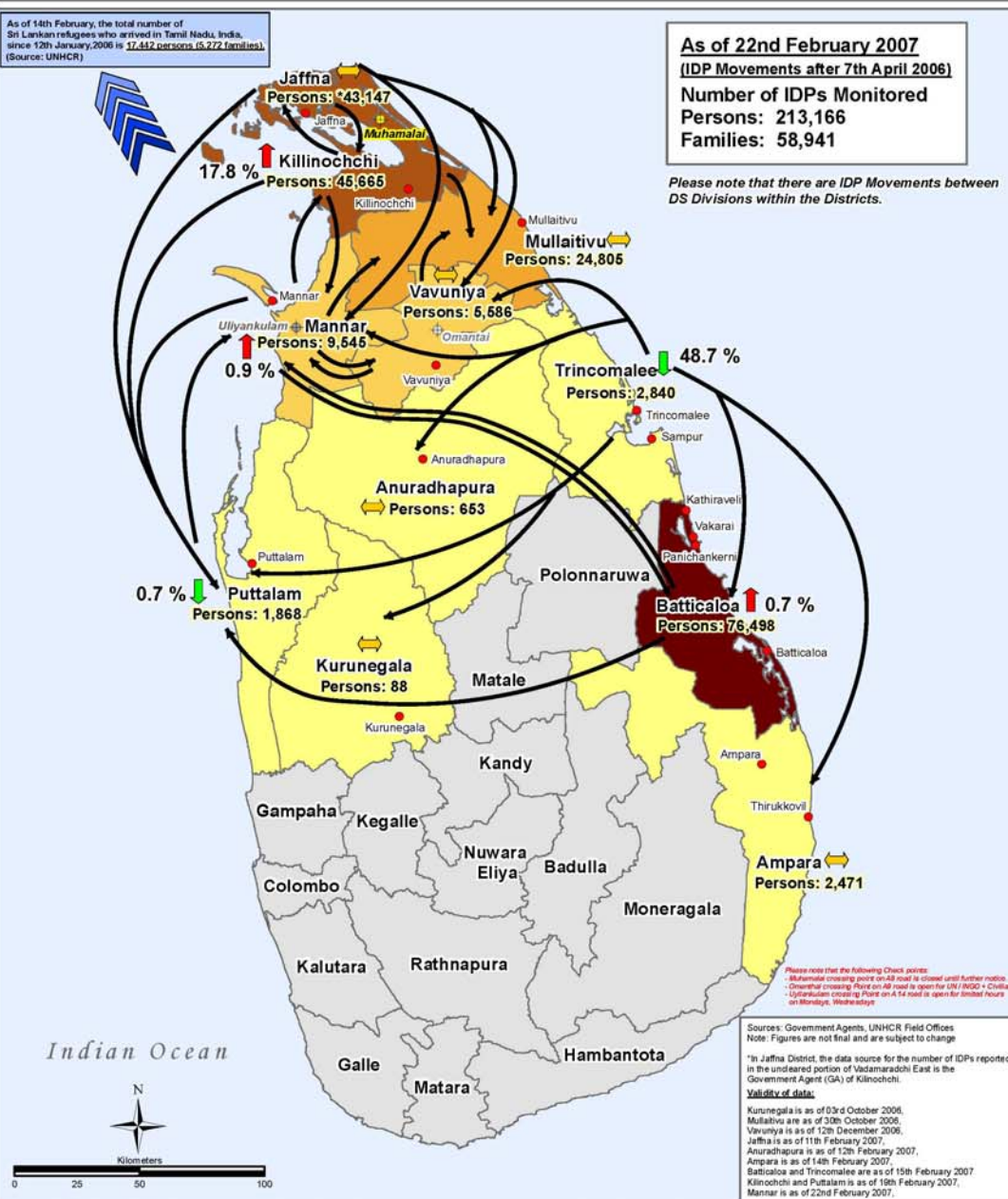
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IDP Movement Trends between Districts

Sri Lanka



Legend

Persons

- 85 - 2,900
- 2,901 - 10,000
- 10,001 - 24,900
- 24,901 - 45,700
- 45,701 - 78,500

No Reported new IDPs

FDL Checkpoint-Closed

FDL Checkpoint-Open

FDL Checkpoint-Partially Open

Town

IDP Movement

Decreased numbers of displaced persons

Increased numbers of displaced persons

Stable numbers of displaced persons

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