



TRO SITUATION REPORT

From

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Time period covered: 16 July 2007 – 31 July 2007

Districts: Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Vadamaradchchi East (Jaffna), Mannar & Vavuniya

Over all Situation

- ❖ On 27 July 2007 a Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) jet bombed a Church and School in Alampil. The students at the school were taking an exam at the time. One girl was wounded and other students ran away from the School.
- ❖ The Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) attacked fishing boats in the Alampil Sea injuring two fishermen whose names are given below:
 - Thanapalasingam Suman: Age 22
 - Thanapalasingam Manokaran: Age 27
- ❖ The Mannar-Uyilankulam road, a land route to Mannar town for the civilians of Manthai West Division has been closed from 20 July 2007 by the Sri Lanka Army (SLA).
- ❖ There has been continuous, heavy multi-barrel artillery shelling at the border areas of Semamadhu, Palamoodai, Muhamallai, Puliyanukulam, Mannar, Adampan, and Manalaru areas in Vanni. This shelling has destroyed useful trees and civilian properties such as houses, animals, vehicles and other buildings.
- ❖ Fisheries sector in the Mannar District has been suffering and not able to go to sea due to the acute shortage of fuel due to restrictions on the amount of fuel supplied to Mannar by the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL).
- ❖ Patients in Government hospitals (Out-Patient Dept) in Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi District have been seriously affected due to shortages of medicine due to restrictions and delays in transportation by the GoSL.
- ❖ Children and pregnant mothers of Vanni have suffering especially as a result of the acute shortage of medicines caused by restrictions imposed by GoSL.
- ❖ Kfir fast attack aircraft bombarded the Pooneryn Village in Kilinochchi District and Oddusuddan, Manavalan Pattu, Kattsilai Madhu School in Mullaitivu District. At the time of the bombardment the school children were taking their 2nd term exam in the school. Mr. Selvaraja's house was also destroyed
- ❖ Hospital and rest cottage of Puliyanukulam check point was destroyed by SLA Multi-Barrel Shelling in Vavuniya District.
- ❖ Food and fuel prices are increasing in the Vanni Region making it very difficult for the majority of the population who find it very difficult to meet their basic needs. Prices of essential food items and fuel:

Item	Qty	COLOMBO price (Rs.)	Vanni price (Rs.)
Petrol	01 liter	120	850
Diesel	01 liter	75	250
Kerosene	01 liter	68	120
Anchor	01 box		200
Lactogen	01 box		210
SMA	01 tin		550
Lakspray	01 packet		190
Nestomalt	01 tin		225
Bread	01 350g		28
Coconut oil	01 liter		180
Cement	01 packet		5,000
Baby clone	10 ml		195



- ❖ The National Leader's Fund provided one hundred thousand rupees (Rs. 100,000) to Premathas Premkumar, 14, who lost both of his legs in a Kfir bombing of Alampil on Mullaitivu on 11 July.
- ❖ HUDEC provided a total of Rs. 10,000 at Rs. 5,000 for each person who lost family members in the Kfir jet bombardment of Alampil in Mullaitivu. The Trade Union of Mullaitivu also granted Rs. 4,000 at Rs. 2000 per family.

MULLAITIVU DISTRICT

This District includes the Hanukkah, Puthukudiyiruppu, Oddusuddan, and Maratinpattu project divisions. These divisions consist of Coastal and Agriculture villages which have been negatively affected by the prolonged war and Tsunami in 2004. The most affected village in the District is Kallapadu.

The majority of the people of Mullaitivu District are engaged in fishing, cultivation, animal husbandry and business as their livelihood activities. These livelihoods are severely impacted by SLAF air strikes, naval attacks and the closure of the A9 road at Omanthai. The population has also increased due to the arrival of displaced people from the East, Mannar, Vavuniya and Jaffna District as shown in table below.

Currently, attacks by the SL Armed Forces have been increasing and students' education has suffered due to interruptions of examinations due to attacks on schools.

TRO provides relief for IDPs and development work through its partner Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in the following areas:

- ❖ Thunukkai - PTRO, PTDO
- ❖ Oddusuddan - MRRO, MKDO
- ❖ Puthukkudiyiruppu - TRRO, NEDRO, SEDO
- ❖ Martin Pattu - MWPS
- ❖ Manthai East - PTDO, SDO

IDPs Details in Mullaitivu

No	Details	No of Families	No of Individuals
01	Permanent population	26,638	104,912
02	Displaced population		
	IDPs displaced in the 1990's	14,599	66,694
	January 2006 to July 2006	4,144	18,528
	11.08.2006 to 31.12.2006	1,974	6,709
	01.01.2007 to 16.03.2007	5,041	18,116
	17.03.2007 to 27.03.2007	221	686
	29.03.2007 to 12.04.2007	467	1,847
	16.04.2007 to 02.05.2007	414	1,694
	03.05.2007 to 10.05.2007	353	1,355
	28.05.2007 to 13.06.2007	89	353
	25.06.2007 to 30.06.2007	128	382
	Total	27,665	117,104
03	Internal (District) IDPs	1,835	7,144
	Outside (District) IDPs	25,830	109,960
		27,665	117,104
	Total population		
	Permanent	26,638	104,912
	IDPs	27,665	117,104
	Total	54,303	222,016



TRO has been leading the relief work with its local partners, UN, NGOs and INGOs to the IDPs during the last two weeks of work. Details are given below.

Non food Relief Item (NFRI)

- ❖ TRRO in partnership with ICRC provided jungle timber and cadjans for five families who were affected by SLAF kfir attack on Alampil in Mullaitivu District.
- ❖ TRO through MKDO provided a temporary house to a family who lost their house in a SLAF kfir attack at Manavalanpaddu.
- ❖ TRO provided clothes and NFRI for 14 families who were displaced from Jaffna, Trincomalee and Batticaloa.

Temporary Shelter

Organization	Division	Supported Organization	No of Houses	Progress
TRO Mullai	Mallavi	TRO	100	20%
SEDO	Vallipanam, Udaiyarkaddu, Visuvamadu, Parathypuram, Manikkapuram	ICRC, OXFAM, FORUT, UNHCR	164	80%
MRRO	Mulliyavalai North, Ponnagar, Neeravipiddy, Mamulai, Keppappulavu	OXFAM	74	65%
TRRO Mullai	Puthukkudiyiruppiu	OXFAM, FORUT, JRS, ICRC	429	90%
NEDRO Mullai	Ampalavanpokkanai, Mathalan, Panaiyady, Manthuvil, Valaignarmadam	CARE	220	90%
SDO	Palinagar, Sivapuram	OXFAM	44	50%
PTRO	Koddaikaddy, Amaithypuram Kalvilan, Thirunagar, Mallaiv Alankulam, Ampalapperumal, Palaiyamurikandy	FORUT, OXFAM	137	55%
MKDO	Olumadu, Pulumichchinathankulam, Panikkankulam, Indupuram	ECHO, OXFAM, ZOA	58	60%
PTDO	Yogapuram, Anichchankulam, Parathynagar, Yogapuram East-West	FORUT	47	45%

KILINOCCHI DISTRICT

The district consists of Poonagary, Karachchi and Kandavalai project divisions. Livelihoods in the Kilinochchi District include farming, fishing, small business and Government sector employment. However there have been fears of SLAF air strikes and the situation is tense.

The Poonagary division has been affected by war numerous times over the past 25 years. Civilians have been displaced to other divisions in Kilinochchi district due to recent shelling and bombing attacks by the SLA and SLAF. These attacks and the closure of the A9 highway have hampered the transportation of farm products/outputs via the A9 highway to the South and East.

There have been a number of local organizations that TRO has partnered with to provide relief work for IDPs and vulnerable people in the villages. They are:

- ❖ Poonagary - PDRO, PMDO, KPDO
- ❖ Karachchi - KDRRO, KERO, NEDRO, ADO, RRDO
- ❖ Kandavalai - KNDO



IDPs Details of Kilinochchi District

No	AGA Division	No of Families	Individuals
01	Karachchi	3,273	11,851
02	Kandavalai	2,989	10,802
03	Poonakary	2,790	10,596
04	Maruthankerny	1,753	6,923
	Total	10,805	40,172

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Non food Relief Item (NFRI)

- ❖ TRO through PDRO provided jungle timber, cadjans and cash to a shop as livelihood assistance for a family who were displaced from Poonagary to Mudkompan areas.

Temporary Shelter

Organization	Division	Supported NGO	No of house	Progress
NEDRO Kili	Maruthanagar;Selvanagar; Ampalkulam	ZOA	117	65%
KDRRO	Radnapuram, Kirusnapuram;	OXFAM, DRC, FORUT	79	65%
KPDO	Nachchikuda, Nagapaduvan	ZOA, FORUT	64	55%
TRRO Kili	Periyaparathan, Uruthirapuram North	DRC, ZOA	87	90%
PDRO	Sekkalai, Mudkompan;	DRC, OXFAM	234	60%
KERO	Santhapuram, Ramanathapuram, Pannankandy	OXFAM, CARE, FORUT	200	60%
PMDO	Mulankavil, Thikkuvil	OXFAM, DRC, FORUT	178	60%
ADO	Mudkompan, Akkarajan	OXFAM	53	45%

Transportation

- ❖ People at Sekkalai have been affected with transportation difficulties when displaced from Poonagary.

Social Welfare project

- ❖ TRO through KERO provided cadjan for a vulnerable family at Vaddakachchi.
- ❖ TRO through KDRRO provided material to build temporary house for a vulnerable family at Thirunagar in Kilinochchi district.
- ❖ TRO through NEDRO provided cash payment for two vulnerable families at Uthayanagar and Ananthapuram.

Drinking water supply

- ❖ TRO through PMDO distributed drinking water to Elavur, Valaippadu, Palavi and Periyadipadu in Kilinochchi District.

Preschool activities

- ❖ PDRO in partnership with WorldVision distributed Milk food packets for 80 children in Uthaya preschool.
- ❖ TRO- PSEDC conducted an exhibition of Pre schools functioning in the district.

VADAMARADCHCHI EAST (JAFFNA DISTRICT)

Vadamarachchi East is a part of the Jaffna district, it has coastal villages such as Maruthankeny, Uduthurai, Thalaiyady, Aliyavalai, Vettlaikeny, Kaddaikkadu, Pookkaruppu, Kevil and Chundikulam which are under LTTE Administration. Many civilians of these villagers died in the tsunami and a large number of properties such as houses, fishing boats & boat



engines were destroyed. Civilians were affected once again with the recent return to war and the ensuing artillery, multi barrel and kfir attacks by the Sri Lanka Armed Forces. The population has been displaced and lacks the basic amenities such as shelter, food, water, and medicine.

Projects being Implemented for IDPs by TRO District Offices and local NGOs and CBOs supported by TRO

Transportation

- ❖ TRO began the renovation of 18 km of road from Kervil to Nallathannithoduvai used by people from Vadamarachchi East who are now living at Chundikulam - 8 Km road work is already completed.

Medical service

- ❖ There has been no government hospital service to the area, only the Thileepan Medical Mobile service. As a result pregnant mothers, babies, the ill and the injured have suffered due to lack of accessible medical service.

Drinking water supply

- ❖ IDPs do not have adequate drinking water.
- ❖ TRO constructed an open dug well due to the urgent need for drinking water at Poonathoduvai in Vadamarachchi East.

Preschool Activities

- ❖ There were four temporary preschools functioning in the area and TRO has opened another temporary pre school on 31.07.2007 in the Poonathoduvai area to cope with the additional IDPs.
- ❖ TRO conducted an assessment of preschool children in Vadamarachchi East

Needs of IDPs who are in Chundikulam Village

- ❖ Temporary shelter
- ❖ Temporary toilets
- ❖ Wells for drinking water
- ❖ Temporary school buildings/structures
- ❖ Temporary toilet & water facilities for Schools

MANNAR DISTRICT

Mannar District is divided into two parts: the government controlled areas and the LTTE controlled areas. The people of Manthai West & Madhu are in LTTE administrated divisions. These people were affected during previous military operations such as “Edipala operation” and “Ranagos operation”. The civilians in the area have been engaged in fishing & farming for their livelihood. Civilians fled the area after the recent SLA attempted advances and SLA air strikes. The 02 July 2007 bombardment of a civilian cottage in the Padakuthurai – Iluppaikadavai village in Mannar district triggered the displacement of a large number of IDPs to safer areas.

There is one organization, IDRO, for the Madhu division and two, MWDO and NEDRO for Manthai West Division who are engaged in relief work with TRO’s support.

IDPs Details in Mannar divisions.

No	Place	No of Families	Male	Female	No of Individuals
01	Periyamadhu	1,060	1,998	2,028	4,026
02	Adampan	1,971	3,626	3,535	7,161
03	Iluppaikadavai	410	780	773	1,553
	Total	3,441	6,404	6,336	12,740

TRO works as a program partner with local NGOs , INGOs and UN Organizations for IDP assistance and support Non Food Relief Item (NFRI)

- ❖ IDRO in partnership with SCF provided NFRI for 53 displaced families at Periyamadhu in Mannar District.



Temporary Shelter

Organization	Place	Supported NGO	No of house	Progress
TRO Mannar	Periyamadhu	TRO	150	85%

Education activities

- ❖ TRO constructed two temporary school buildings/structures for displaced students.
- ❖ IDRO in partnership with SCF distributed equipment for 24 school children at Periyamadhu.

Water & Sanitation

- ❖ TRO conducted health awareness program for the displaced people through IDRO.

Drinking water supply

- ❖ TRO Identified 118 wells in need of repair and cleaning, currently the work on 43 wells has been completed by TRO.
- ❖ TRO through NEDRO distributed drinking water to the Iluppaikadavai, Anthonyarpuram, Thevapitty areas.

Social welfare project

- ❖ TRO through IDRO provided milk food packets for 02 children who were separated from their parents.
- ❖ TRO through IDRO provided dry food items for 10 vulnerable families.

Needs for IDPs

- ❖ Toilets - 200
- ❖ Temporary shelter - 300
- ❖ Temporary preschool - 01
- ❖ NFRI
- ❖ Assistance for home gardening

VAVUNIYA DISTRICT

Vavuniya district is divided into two parts: the government controlled areas and the LTTE controlled areas. Vavuniya North, in the LTTE controlled areas, consists of Nedunkeny division and Puliyaikulam areas.

The civilians of Vavuniya North have been affected by military activities such as multi barrel artillery attacks, air strikes and claymore mine attacks by SLA Deep Penetration Units (DPU). Currently the civilians have fled from their homes to safer areas; as a result the schools are not functioning.

IDPs Details in Vavuniya

No	Place	No of Families	No of Individuals	0-01age	02-05 age	06-16age	Above 17
01	Mannakulam 1	50	205	8	25	48	124
02	Periyakulam	51	200	12	21	53	114
03	Mannakulam 2	26	122	6	10	41	65
	Total	127	527	26	56	142	303

Projects implemented by NDRO and VDRO for IDPs

- ❖ VDRO in partnership with SCF provided NFRI for 127 families who were in Mannakulam and Periyakulam.

Temporary shelter

Organization	Place	Supported NGO	No of house	Progress
VDRO	Mannakulam	FORUT	50	70%
NDRO	Periyakulam	OXFAM	59	90%



Social welfare project

- ❖ TRO provided cadjans for 12 vulnerable families at Nedunkeny in Vavuniya North.
- ❖ TRO through VDRO provided 90 lactogen 1 & 2 milk food packets each for 45 malnourished children under the age of 1.5 years.
- ❖ TRO through NDRO distributed cadjans for 17 vulnerable families.

Preschool activities

- ❖ TRO - PSEDC conducted an assessment of preschools which are functioning in Vavuniya North Division on 29th 30th of July 2007.

Water & Sanitation

- ❖ NDRO and OXFAM conducted health awareness program for families in Periyakulam and Kudiyiruppu.

Special Project

Medical Support by the International Coordinating Unit in TRO

Medical services for the sick in the Vanni are inadequate due to restrictions and a lack of adequate medical equipment, medicines and medical personnel as a result the International Coordinating Unit of TRO made arrangements to provide grants to those who can not access or afford medical assistance.

Details of Patients who were assisted by ICU

No	Patient Name	Address	Assistance
01	Amirthalingam Piradeepan	57, Valathukarai Muthuiyankaddu	Payment for travel expenses to Colombo for treatment not available in the Vanni
02	Suthakaran Piratha	4 th mile Amaithipuram Kilinochchi	Medicines for heart patient
03	Selvarasa Selvarupan	Parathypuram Visuvamadhu	Medicines for head surgery
04	Soosaimuthu Sasikala	Parathypuram Kilinochchi	For medicines
05	Anthonipillai Jenisran	Kariyalai Nagapaduvan	For medicines
06	Thanabalasingam Jeevatharsini	Pallavarajankaddu Jeyapuram	For Blood Transfusion

White Pigeon

White pigeon Technical Institute of Prosthesis is assisting those who have lost limbs mines, UXO or natural causes since 1983.

Details are below the work over the last months

No	Details of the work	Male	Female	Boys	Girls	Total
01	Change foot	55	13	-	-	68
02	Change belt	26	14	-	-	40
03	Change lock	-	02	-	-	02
04	Footwear	21	21	01	01	44
05	clutches	04	-	-	-	04
06	Try cycle	01	-	-	-	01
07	Artificial leg above Knee	04	02	-	01	07
08	Artificial leg below Knee	05	10	-	-	15
09	Repairs	79	27	-	-	106
10	Turning Chairs	01	02	-	-	03
	Total	196	91	01	02	290