

This report covers the period from 19 to 25 June 2009. The next report will be issued on or around 2 July.

I. Highlights

- On 20 June 2009, the United Nations Office of the Resident / Humanitarian Coordinator for Sri Lanka released a statement regarding the two UN staff members who were taken into custody.
- On 24 June, a joint assessment was conducted in the newly proposed Zone 6A in Manik farm and Zone 7 located in Neriyaikulam in Vavuniya District. The assessment report has been circulated by UNHCR for commitments/inputs from different humanitarian agencies.
- On 25 June, in Vavuniya, during the Food cluster meeting held, food actors expressed concerns on the limited funds/capacity to continue complementary feeding for the IDPs after the end of July.

II. Access & Security

- In Vavuniya, there have been some improvements with regard to humanitarian access. However, agencies continue to report delays and occasional denial in accessing the IDP sites. Access procedures differ between the sites.

III. Situation Overview

IDPs		
During the period 27 October 2008 to 18 June 2009		284,767 persons crossed to the Government controlled areas from the conflict zone. This represents a decrease of 251 IDPs since the last report (Sitrep No.22) on 18 June 2009. The decrease is associated with releases and transfer between camps.
Vavuniya Camps:	261,948 ¹	279,897 people are accommodated in temporary camps.
Mannar Camps:	183 ²	
Jaffna Camps:	11,069 ³	
Trincomalee Camps:	6,697 ⁴	
Hospitals:		4,870⁵ IDPs (injured and care givers) are in hospitals in various districts ⁶ as of 16 June 2009.
RELEASES		
Vavuniya Camps:	3,000	3,068 people have been released from temporary camps into host families and elders' homes as of 18 June 2009. The majority of these people are elders, people with learning disabilities and other vulnerable groups.
Mannar Camps:	17	
Jaffna Camps:	51	

- In Vavuniya, decongestion is on-going, and the total number of individuals moved to various zones is being compiled by relevant Government authorities.
- In Vavuniya, humanitarian agencies continue to seek clearance to conduct needs assessment in the areas beyond Omanthai where resettlement is due within the next months. Reports from Vavuniya kachcheri suggest an assessment of Nedunkerni (Vavuniya north,

¹ Source: Government Agent Vavuniya

² Source: Government Agent Mannar

³ Source: Government Agent Jaffna

⁴ Source: Government Agent Trincomalee

⁵ Source: Ministry of Health

⁶ This includes GH Vavuniya, BH Cheddikulam, BH Poovarasankulum, Pampainmadu Hospital, DGH Mannar, BH Kantale, BH Padaviya, BH Dambulla, GH Polonnaruwa, GH Hingurakgoda, TH Kurunagala, DH Medawachchiya

previously controlled by the LTTE), is being planned and will be conducted by a team of Government officials in the near future.

- In Vavuniya, the relocation of IDPs from schools continues, including transfer of IDPs from Skandapuram School to the IDP site in Sumathipuram on 22 June. According to the reports from the field, 130 IDPs have been discharged from the Mannar Hospital, and moved to the new Sumathipuram site.
- In Trincomalee, 648 families (1,948 individuals) residing at the Sinhala School in Pulmoddai were transferred to Sahanagama IDP site Plot 2 on 18 June.

IV. Humanitarian Response

Food

- In Vavuniya, WFP distributed one-week basic rations to the IDPs in Zone 3 on 19 June and in Zone 1 on 22 June in order to support individual cooking in these zones.
- In Vavuniya, a Food cluster meeting was held on 25 June, in which food actors expressed concerns on the limited funds/capacity to continue complementary feeding to the IDPs after the end of July.
- In Trincomalee, ZOA constructed 4 communal kitchens at the Sahanagama site Plot 2.
- In Trincomalee, communal cooking will start at the Sahanagama site Plot 2 from 26 June. In the mean time, World Concern will provide cooked meals and will shift to distribution of complementary food commodities after the start of communal cooking.
- In Jaffna, Save the Children Sri Lanka (SCiSL) distributed nutritional food packets through RDHS Jaffna for the IDP children under 5 years old accommodated in Mirusuvil, Kodikamam GTMS and Ramavil camps on 19 June. A total of 6,166 packets were distributed to cover the month of July 2009.

Shelter

- In Vavuniya, a joint assessment was conducted in the newly proposed Zones 6A [in Manik farm] and Zone 7 located in Neriyakulam on 24 June. UNHCR has circulated the assessment report for comments/inputs from humanitarian agencies.
- In Vavuniya, the development of the Dharmapuram (MKK) site, which will be hosting 3,600 IDPs by establishing the shelters of between 850 and 900, has been impeded by irregular and unpredictable labour supply and limited involvement of humanitarian agencies.
- In Vavuniya, the SLA has indicated that the size of the IDP sites should be limited up to 5,000 IDPs per site (However, agencies continue to advocate for sites to accommodate 15,000 - 20,000 IDPs). After discussions with the Competent Authority (CA), the standard of 1,200 shelters / tents on 80 acres of land was agreed in order to allow for family size variations.
- In Vavuniya, the proposed 750 acres of Zone 6 is to be reduced to smaller sites for up to 5,000 IDPs and the existing zones 1, 3, and 4 will also be subdivided. Efforts for decongesting the IDP sites continue, while additional plots for agricultural purposes are being allocated.
- In Vavuniya, the CA has indicated that the GoSL will provide materials for concrete / cement based floors for IDP shelters.
- In Vavuniya, shelter agencies have principally agreed on the design and locations of cooking fire protection facilities. Shelter agencies have secured funds for 10,000 cooking units for individual cooking, while seeking agreement from the Government to install cooking units which reduce fire risks.
- In Vavuniya, there is concern over the fire risks in the Veerapuram site and the Sumathipuram site due to the layout of the sites, position of tent fixings and the recent erection of shade shelters between tents. There is also concern over the additional tents, which have been erected in the areas originally designated for Temporary Learning Shelters (TLS) or in the areas allocated for fire and road safety.
- In Trincomalee, IOM started repair of 98 shelters damaged by heavy winds at the Sahanagama site Plot 2.
- In Trincomalee, ZOA prepositioned shelter materials as a contingency for possible shelter repair needs.
- In Jaffna, ZOA constructed additional 19 emergency shelters at Kodikamam Ramavil I.

WASH

- In Vavuniya, the WASH cluster has decided to establish a Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) to review longer term issues such as solid waste management and gully sucking.

- The Malawatha Oya pipeline for Manik Farm has become operational since mid June, after UNICEF and the Water Board conducted a verification assessment. Installation of 6 treatment plants by the Water Board is ongoing in Zone 2 of Manik Farm
- A total of 1,177 temporary latrines have been installed in Zone 2, 3, and 4 of Manik Farm.
- UNICEF and implementing partner Sewalanka are conducting hygiene promotion activities in Manik Farm Zone 2, including distribution of hygiene and cleaning supplies. Similarly, Solidar is providing collective hygiene supplies in Zone 2 and 3 of Manik Farm. UNHCR and Acted have provided hygiene kits and materials for Zone 1 and the Kanthapur site.
- In Trincomalee, IOM completed the construction of two wells at Sahanagama site Plot 2 and started working on two additional wells.
- In Trincomalee, Oxfam is waiting for the Government Agent's approval to install a water treatment plant processing 100,000 liters per day at the Yan-Oya River in order to provide water to 5,000 IDPs at the Sahanagama site.
- In Jaffna, World Vision distributed hygiene kits to all IDPs accommodated at Kaithady Hindu Children Home.

Non-Food Items

- In Vavuniya, UNHCR conducted an assessment in the new IDP sites in Veerapuram, Sumathipuram and Tharmapuram in order to estimate the NFI needs.
- In Trincomalee, EHED Caritas and UNHCR distributed NFI standard items to the 693 IDP families in the Sahanagama site Plot 2 on 20 June.
- In Jaffna, SCiSL distributed recreational items such as foot balls, cricket sets, volley balls, net balls, puzzles and music instruments to children in PRI A and PRI B camps.

Health

- In Trincomalee, UNICEF will fund the construction of a nutrition and health centre at the Sahanagama site Plot 2, in which the RDHS will provide health services.
- In the newer IDP sites in Vavuniya, medical resources remain insufficient, including vehicles for transporting emergency cases.
- As of 1* June, 914 cases of chicken pox have been recorded.
- A total of 31 patients have been registered in the District TB (tuberculosis) Register. 14 patients requiring intensive phase treatment are currently being treated at the Cheddikulam Hospital chest ward. After discharge, the patients will undergo directly observed treatment (DOT) in the IDP site.
- From 8 June, the Regional Malaria Officer in Vavuniya deployed field staff to hospitals and healthcare facilities in the IDP sites to provide malaria surveillance.
- IDP health workers, paid by the GoSL, are working in the IDP sites. Thirty-seven new doctors are expected to be appointed at the Vavuniya district within a week. However, a shortage of specialists remains. Health teams from various parts of the country continue to work on a rotational basis in the IDP sites. A coordination center has been established by the Ministry of Health, and the Director of IDP Health was appointed.

The number of health personnel in each zone of Manik Farm is as follows:

Category	Zone 0	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Doctor	06	08	18	11	12
Nursing Sister	01	01	01	01	01
Nursing Officer	02	02	02	02	03
Midwife	05	10	13	13	06
Public Health Inspector	02	02	04	04	04

Nutrition

- The Nutrition Rehabilitation Program (NRP) centres are functioning in the IDP camps, providing services to children under 5 years old. A total of 12 [of 17 planned] centres are functioning in the Manik Farm Zones.
- UNICEF supports a 3-day training on inpatient management of NRP for health staff of the Cheddikulam Hospital in Vavuniya and the General Hospital in Mannar. A total of 15 medical personnel and 23 Feeding Assistants from Sarvodaya were trained.
- Arrangements were initiated to start a NRP feed centre at Cheddikulam hospital.

Education

- Seven schools previously occupied by the IDPs are now allocated to accommodate the child

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- A rapid education assessment targeting students in Zone 3 is under preparation.
- A total of 106 TLS have been constructed, and the construction of another 23 TLS are in progress. These TLS will provide learning capacity of approximately 645 classrooms.
- UNICEF distributed the following education materials in Manik Farm Zone 3: 128 blackboards, 3,750 education kits and 427 teachers' kits. These items will cover the needs of 3,750 children and 427 teachers. In Zone 4, 250 green boards, 11,083 education kits, 420 teachers' kits and 435 tarps were distributed, benefiting over 8,700 students.

Protection

- In Vavuniya, following the Government's announcement that over 9,000 elderly will be released from emergency sites, the Ministry of Social Services has directed its staff to concentrate on organizing their movement. Protection agencies continue to assist the Government in monitoring movements as well as assessing the capacities of institutions to receive and care for the elderly.
- UNICEF coordinated distribution of NFIs [towels, bed sheets, recreational supplies, hygiene kits, clothes, mosquito nets and mattresses] to support 100 unaccompanied girls who are scheduled to be released from the IDP sites to Vavuniya orphanage.
- In Vavuniya, the Competent Authority has indicated that the current zone layout will be adjusted into smaller sites. Temporarily disruption of a number of services, including supplementary feeding and the provision of healthcare, is expected during this process.
- In Vavuniya, ten sites have been reserved for persons suspected of LTTE affiliation. Access to these sites is restricted.
- In Vavuniya, the Protection Working Group is working on guidelines to facilitate the safe and equitable distribution of food and NFIs.
- In Trincomalee, UNHCR completed a survey to identify Persons with Special Needs (PWSN) in Plot 1 and started the same survey at Plot 2.
- In Jaffna, UNICEF conducted a Training of Trainers (TOT) on "Guided Group Activities for Children" on 18 and 19 June. Twenty-three NGO facilitators from FORUT, Center for Peace and Reconciliation, Ahavoli, Wholistic Health Centre and Shantiham participated. Following the training, the majority will become facilitators for the Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Kodikamam Ramavil camp.

V. Coordination

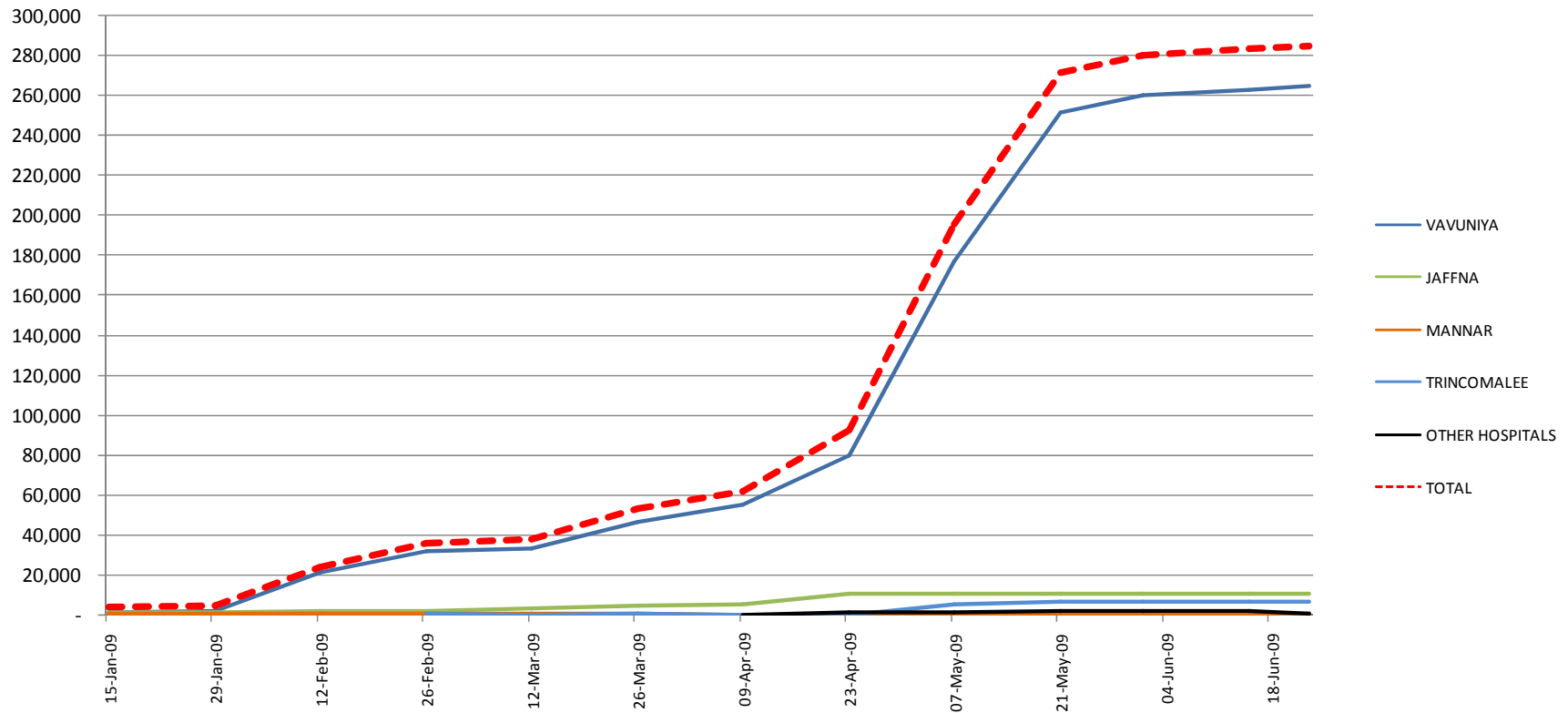
- Major General Chandrasiri, the Competent Authority, held an inter-agency meeting at Manik farm on 24 June.
- On 24 June, OCHA organized a presentation on Guiding Principles for Humanitarian and Development Assistance in Sri Lanka for senior national staff of humanitarian agencies in Vavuniya. Twenty-eight staff members from various organizations attended the session.

VI. Funding / CHAP

- As of 25 June, the CHAP 2009 for Sri Lanka is 48 percent funded, with US\$ 74,088,940 received out of the \$155,112,669 required. In addition, \$24,097,130 has been pledged by various donors. The CHAP Mid-Year Review process is currently on-going, during which resource requirements have been reviewed and an upward adjustment will be made.
- The European Commission has allocated €5 million to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance to the IDPs in the camps. The funds will be channeled through the Commission's Humanitarian Aid department, ECHO.
- On 23 June 2009, Pakistan's Prime Minister, Mr. Yousuf Raza Gilani, directed Pakistan's High Commissioner in Sri Lanka to present a cheque of US\$ 70,000 to the GoSL for assisting the IDPs in Sri Lanka. The donation will be made from the Special Assistance Programme for South Asia (SAPSA) Fund and will be used to provide medical supplies.

All humanitarian partners including donors and recipient agencies are encouraged to inform FTS of cash and in-kind contributions by sending an email to: fts@reliefweb.int

IDP Arrivals/Registrations in Jaffna, Vavuniya, Mannar, Trincomalee Districts and other locations as of 18 June 2009

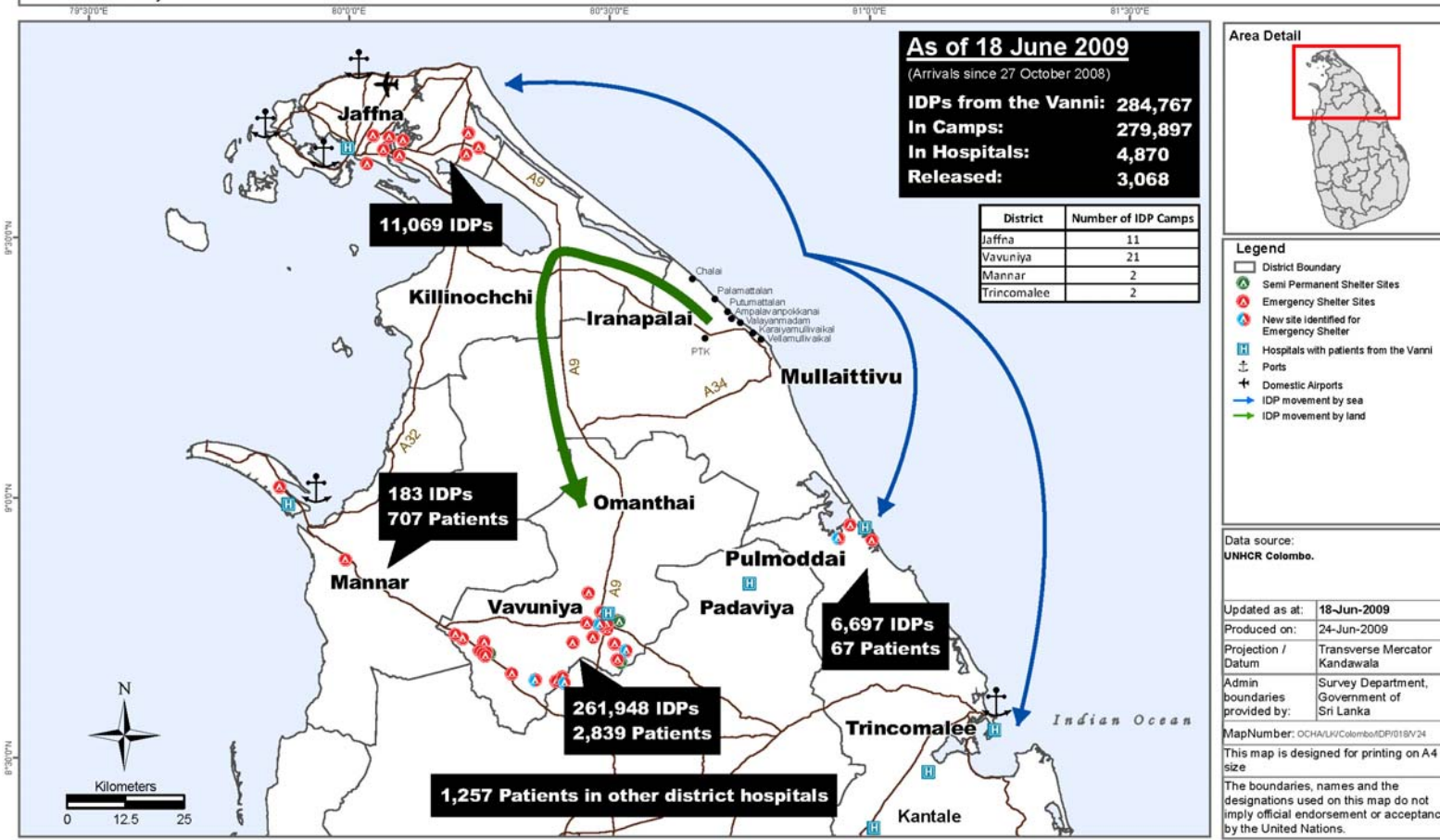


OTHER HOSPITALS - Base Hospital Padaviya, Base Hospital Dambulla, General Hospital Polonnaruwa, General Hospital Hingurakgoda, Teaching Hospital Kurunagala, District Hospital Medawachchiya

Vanni IDP Movements

As of 18 June, 2009

Northern Area



- Legend**
- District Boundary
 - ⊙ Semi Permanent Shelter Sites
 - ⊙ Emergency Shelter Sites
 - ⊙ New site identified for Emergency Shelter
 - H Hospitals with patients from the Vanni
 - ⚓ Ports
 - ✈ Domestic Airports
 - IDP movement by sea
 - IDP movement by land

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