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Present

Organisation	Organisation	Organisation
American Red Cross	RADA	UMCOR
Caritas	Forut	IRD
IUCN	Diakonie	NCA
NRC	IFRC	Americares
Muslim Aid	CPBR	NWMIT
Help Age	NPSL	Oxfam Australia
Samaritan's Purse	WUSC	Help From Germany
Sewalanka	Manitha Neyam Trust	TRO
ADRA	Merlin	UN Habitat
DRC	SME Chamber	CASP
Tearfund	Acted	Act International
GAA	LWR	UNDP
LCMS-WR	JMC	DCA

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Malteser International	CPR	CCF
CRWRC	Mercy Corps	Relief International
ZOA Refugee Camp	HIA	JEN
ADT	Leads	

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1	<p data-bbox="391 222 570 254"><u>IDP Statistics</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="391 289 1190 884"> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 289 792 365">Total no of displaced persons</td> <td data-bbox="792 289 1190 365">207,564(11th Oct UNHCR)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 365 792 405">Displaced Families</td> <td data-bbox="792 365 1190 405">55623</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 405 792 625">12 Districts</td> <td data-bbox="792 405 1190 625">Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaithivu, Mannar, Vavuniya, Trinomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Puttalam, Kurunegala</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 625 792 772">As of 5th Oct, the total no of Srilankan refugees to arrive in Tamil Nadu, India since the start of the year</td> <td data-bbox="792 625 1190 772">15452 persons (4531 families)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 772 792 884">Batticaloa</td> <td data-bbox="792 772 1190 884">Highest no of displaced at 60255 persons (16177 families)</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="391 926 1130 993"><u>Highlights from district meeting – Emergency WATSAN Trincomalee</u></p> <p data-bbox="391 1035 634 1066"><u>Town and Gravets</u></p> <p data-bbox="391 1073 963 1104">UNICEF reported the situation in three sites:</p> <ul data-bbox="440 1110 1222 1503" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="440 1110 1222 1209">• Palaiyutu Church (St. Looth's): UNICEF reported that 3 additional permanent toilets are under construction in this site. <li data-bbox="440 1220 1222 1398">• Konalingam MV- Linganagar: UNICEF reported that there are not additional needs related to water supply. DS has requested CARE to supply more cleaning materials. CARE will submit to UNICEF a report with the list of the items and the quantity distributed. <li data-bbox="440 1409 1222 1503">• School at St. Mary Church: The master of the school said that all the IDPs will be moved to the Cultural Hall on the 5th Oct and the site will be closed. <p data-bbox="391 1514 613 1545"><u>Kinniya Division</u></p> <p data-bbox="391 1551 646 1583"><u>Actions to be taken</u></p> <ul data-bbox="440 1589 1211 1801" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="440 1589 1211 1688">• UNICEF will assess the condition of the water tanks in Echanthivu site and will take the necessary action to repair the taps <li data-bbox="440 1698 1211 1801">• CARE reported that Mercy Corps, according to the previous plan of actions, has distributed 78 Hygiene Kits in Alankerny and 41 in Eachchentheevi Vidyalaya <p data-bbox="391 1843 597 1875"><u>Muttur Division</u></p> <ul data-bbox="440 1913 1222 1944" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="440 1913 1222 1944">• Oxfam reported that a reduction of IDP families occurred 	Total no of displaced persons	207,564(11 th Oct UNHCR)	Displaced Families	55623	12 Districts	Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaithivu, Mannar, Vavuniya, Trinomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Puttalam, Kurunegala	As of 5 th Oct, the total no of Srilankan refugees to arrive in Tamil Nadu, India since the start of the year	15452 persons (4531 families)	Batticaloa	Highest no of displaced at 60255 persons (16177 families)	
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in the 3 locations, respectively: Muslin Lady's College (17 families) and Al Hilal Boys School (10 families) and APC Centre (5 families).

- Oxfam has fixed the water bowser and PS is regularly distributing water with that. The major problem in Muttur is to dispose the sewage and sludge collected from the toilets

Seruwela Division

- ZOA and Care Int. are intending to build up toilets in that area.
- ZOA confirmed that it is planning an assessment to identify the sites for the construction, but that activity is related to the regular programs, not the emergency works

Livelihood coordination Committee Meeting- Matara

Develop Kekanadura Training Centre

- Mr. Mahiman of FAO said that they will be providing a laptop computer and a multimedia projector for the center. But they are not able to support for a new conference room and improvements to the dining hall.

Constructions to the Arabic School

- Letters have been sent to USAID, CARITAS, and WORLD VISION, requesting support. Caritas said that they had donated three computers to the school. They are unable to support to construct the building.

Construction of Roads

- The GA had requested support to develop 32 roads in the tsunami affected divisions from Sewa lanka, Mercy corps and USAID. No reply yet

Divisional Livelihood Issues:

- Mr. Silva from RADA emphasized the need of introducing the social security systems for every field to manage the risk faced especially by the poor people on their livelihood activities.
- Organizations are willing to come up with programs to insure the small businesses with a small affordable premium and wanted to know the reactions for this kind of proposals from the group.
- The ArthaCharya Foundation said that they had given small loans for about 800 small businessmen and said that they would like to support this kind of programs as it would be benefited for their clients
- Oxfam said they did a survey in Dickwella, and Walipitiya. Divisions and identified 3242 beneficiaries from it. There was a new CBO for coir sector but there has a problem of registration.
- FAO said they had signed MOU's for 17 multi day boats

out of 29 and 10 boats had already finished construction.

RADA -2 year progress report on tsunami reconstruction: Rachel requested from all the agencies to provide accurate information to Development Assistance Database. The required information is- Financial information(Commitment you have made, The disbursements and the expenditures)

Situation in Jaffna and the media coverage of Humanitarian crisis – Amantha Perera Sunday Leader

Amantha briefed on the followings:

- He said that access is the main issue.
- They have been limited to reports and limited to talking to people in those areas
- Supplies been blocked
- And difficult to get the accurate information on the prevailing situation.

Brief on Information Unit – CHA

Fransisca made a presentation on CHA- Colombo knowledge Centre. She explained the CKC services, which as follows:

- Subjects referring systems
- Directories
- Guidance & Training
- Inter Library Loan System
- Fact Finding
- Dissemination of Information
- E- library
- CHA Publication

(More information could be found in the presentation)

Human Security Analysis

Nayomi provided an update on the above topic. She read the following statement:

“Our armed forces have captured Sampur for the welfare and benefit of the people living there”, this statement was expressed by the President of Sri Lanka at the 55th session of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party in Colombo on 4th September.

Prior to the arrival of the armed forces, Sampur was pretty much deserted, today Sampur still lies deserted. 12 villages are devoid of human life, the greater region of Sampur now very much a ghost region. This is in contrast to the vast swelling of places in northern Batticaloa and southern Trincomalee districts, with IDPs arriving from various parts of the north and east.

Yet there are people who are refusing to leave their homes, their means of subsistence, their entire lives... and then there are those who perhaps given the possibility would flee, but

physically cannot due to illness or old age and so they are left to live restlessly and in anticipation of what is to come.

A mass number of people are in the Verugal – Vaharai region of Trincomalee South and Batticaloa North; with approximately 48,600 people from 8,543 families officially recognized as Trincomalee displaced in Koralaipattu North division. The numbers in Verugal are unknown.

The article “Are Sampur Tamils children of a lesser gods?” dated October 11 (Morning Leader) highlights the plight of one family who, with a resilience that is unknown to many of us, trekked across the insecure lands of Batticaloa and Trincomalee.

The journey started in Sampur, following attacks on Sampur by the government. The family walked 6km to Paattaalipuram, following an arduous route through the jungle. The family stayed in Paattaalipuram for several weeks. They received food and relief from ICRC and Save the Children.

Following shelling on the Paattaalipuram area , the family picked up and moved 4 km to Nallur in Mutur East, however this place too was soon to fall victim to shelling, and so the family moved along with others to Ilankaithurai Muhathuvaaram. It was not long before the family moved on to Uppooral and Seenanveli, following more artillery shelling and sporadic aerial attacks.

Soon enough the family was on the move again and this time travelled further south, seeking refuge at different times in Punnaiyadi and Kallady. From here on the family, along with others, moved further south to Paalothottam, Maavadichenai and Muttithottam. Eventually the family reached Verugal, and after a few days they crossed a river, narrowly escaping an aerial attack on the ferry.

The family had now entered Batticaloa District; where the Koralaipattu North division was amass with displaced Tamils. After shifting from places such as Pammivettuvaan, Paalsenai and Vaaharai, the family got permission from the LTTE to leave, and they eventually reached a relative’s home safely in Batticaloa.

The family had walked a total of 100km from Sampur to Batticaloa, having started in April, to arrive in Batticaloa in August.

The life-endangering and brave journey of this family only further emphasizes and resonates to the government, the LTTE, the citizens of Sri Lanka, the NGOs and the wider world the

desperation and innocence of those caught between the crossfire. How many of us could possibly deny that this should push us further to seek justice for those whose rights are violated in such a cruel and inhumane manner, that it denies them a time when they can safely breathe and know that they are in the security of their own home, if not their own country? Further detrimental to the minds and hearts of parents anywhere, let alone this family, is the inability to offer one's children even the smallest sense of security; instead children affected by conflict in such a way are forced to sleep restlessly, if not they might be lucky enough to pass out asleep due to the fatigue of trekking for miles on end.

Whatever the benefits that were meant to come to Sampur, it would appear they are yet to be reaped.

Security Update

- Claymore incidents -02 (1 recovered), Assassinations-07, Land mine- 01
- Lots of robberies have taken place
- A bomb concealed in a Dolphin van was taken into custody by Vavuniya police 15 days ago exploded Tuesday around 12noon, half an hour after being released.
- A participant mentioned that there is a spreading rumour about NGO vehicles carrying explosives.

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