



Tamils Rehabilitation Organization



- TRO is NOT banned
- Funds are “frozen” for “investigation”
- TRO continues to operate
- TRO will continue to operate





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Background:

- Founded in 1985
 - working in the NorthEast since 1987
- Work with all 3 communities:
 - Sinhala, Muslim, Tamil
- 3,500 staff throughout the NorthEast
 - Work in ALL sectors
- Registered as a charity in Colombo in 2002
 - post the CFA
- US \$20,000,000+ Tsunami relief, reconstruction & rehabilitation projects (2005)
 - 18 Month Tsunami Report available: www.troonline.org
- US \$10,000,000+ in War-affected Projects (2005)





Current Events

III. “Freezing” of TRO accounts

V. IDPs in LTTE Controlled areas – TRO’s work





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I. “Freezing” of TRO accounts

- August 28 TRO accountants attempted transfer of funds to a TRO District Office Bank account
- Bank refused due to a “freeze” placed on all TRO accounts by the Central Bank
- 4 September Central Bank petitions Colombo High Court to freeze TRO accounts for 6 months for “investigation”
 - This was “ex parte” and TRO was not informed of the hearing prior to the court date, was not present during the hearing, and was not notified of the Judges ruling





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- TRO has still not received any OFFICIAL NOTICE from:
 - the Central Bank
 - the Attorney General
 - Court
- The only information TRO has received has come from media reports
- TRO lawyers have attempted to get official copies of the court documents that the law states we should be given
 - Thus far without success
- TRO is using all available legal means to un-freeze the funds





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FUNDS FROZEN

- Approximately Rs. 100,000,000
 - US \$ 1,000,000
- 70% iNGOs, UN, Foreign Governments, other bi-lateral & multi-lateral donors (WB, ADB, etc)
- 30% TRO international offices
- 132 accounts in 5 banks (Colombo & Districts)
 - Each donor insists/requires that TRO open a “donor/project specific” account to ensure transparency & tracking of funds from donor to beneficiary





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DONORS Views:

- Supportive
- Confidence in the work TRO has performed and is continuing to perform
- All donors happy projects
 - UNICEF
 - 1,000 toilets & wells in Mullaitivu & Vadamarachchi East
 - 235 toilets TRO is building in Kinniya
 - Operation USA
 - 136 permanent houses, a pre-school, a community center, livelihoods (70 boats, nets & engines), a primary healthcare center
 - EMERGENCY, Italy (NGO)
 - 91 permanent houses, a pre-school, a community center, livelihoods (40 boats, nets & engines)
 - Save the Children
 - 36 Preschools in NorthEast in all three communities throughout the NorthEast





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IMPACT OF FREEZE

•Humanitarian Relief Work Is Continuing & Will Continue

- 18 Children's homes TRO administers are without funds

- 1946 children

- Tsunami Development, Reconstruction & Resettlement Projects are all “on HOLD” and work has stopped

- Due to current security situation and restrictions on the transportation of building materials, etc.

- Freezing of funds

Other affected programs / projects

Children Affected by War
Community Rehabilitation
Project
Differently Aabled Programs
Early Childhood
Development Program
Education Development
Program
NEIAP

Education and skill
development Program
Health and medical services
Housing Programs
Information Technology
Micro Credit
Mine Acton Program
NECORD
Nutrition Programs





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OPTIONS

Petition Court / Central Bank to:

- Return funds to donors so that they may implement / complete projects themselves
- Release donor or project specific funds
 - TRO can continue to provide Emergency Relief and continue projects under the “supervision” of a court appointed “administrator” or manager such as the GA or iNGO





II. IDPs in LTTE Controlled areas – TRO's work

District	Families	Individuals	Males	Females	Babies (under 12 months)	Lactating Women	Pregnant Women	Differently Abled
JAFFNA (VE)	921	2,717						
VAVUNIYA	467	2,046						
MULLAITIVU	235	923						
MANNAR	378	1,372						
KILINOCHCHI	1,353	5,467	2,559	2,201	178	199	60	37
BATTICALOA	10,374	39,184	17,529	18,372	888	2,507	776	
TRINCOMALLE	800	3,900	1,750	2,150				
TOTAL	14,528	55,609	21,838	22,723	1,066	2,706	836	37





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- TRO has been operating in the LTTE controlled areas **continuously**
- Providing cooked meals, NFRI and coordination
- TRO warehouses in LTTE controlled areas provided food and NFRI during initial displacement in July/August when UN, ICRC & iNGOs were not allowed into the area by GoSL
- Supplies are now exhausted
- TRO relies on WFP





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FOOD

- WFP / TRO providing food
- TRO distributing package of food for 1 person for 1 week:
 - 700g Rice
 - 2.1kg Flour
 - 42g Dhal
 - 64g Sugar
 - 28g Coconut oil
- Food sent will only last 3 weeks rather than 8 weeks it is meant for due to number of IDPs and limits set by GoSL
- Food requirements of lactating mothers, pregnant women and children are not being met
- Lack of milk powder & other nutritious food





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Shelter

- IDPs currently taking shelter where available
 - Schools, temples, churches, other public buildings
- Materials for building the Temporary shelters are not allowed through the check point by GoSL security forces
- Locally available materials being utilized

- Vaharai
 - TRO building 20 100” X 18” shelters with locally available materials
 - Funded by AGA

- Planning Temporary Shelter Camps: Vanni & Vaharai
 - Contingent upon
 - Funding
 - Ability to transport materials





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Non Food Relief Items

- Supplies exhausted
- Depend on convoys
- Shortage of Kitchen utensils

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- Materials for building Temporary toilets are not allowed through the check point by GoSL security forces
- Water supply: pumps & bowsers not fully utilized due to the **fuel shortage**





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Fuel

- Transport of fuel prohibited by GoSL
 - Vanni (last shipment - August 12)
 - Vaharai earlier
- TRO reserves exhausted

Health

- Supplies of medicines low
- GoSL supplies based on pre displacement figures thus not adequate
- Staff shortage because of the transportation problem
- No fuel in the hospitals
 - Generators not running full time
 - Cold chain





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Education

- Vanni
 - most schools are functioning
- Vaharai
 - some schools only partially functioning due to IDP occupancy and / or impact of prior occupancy



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District	DS Division	Families	Individuals	Males	Females	Babies (12 months)	Lactating Women	Pregnant Women	
Trincomalee	Mugaththuwarem	800	3,900	1,750	2,150				
Batticaloa	Vellaveli	84	500						
	Kurinchmunai, Kannankuda & Kaayamadhu	180	633						
	Karavetti, Mankikkaddu, Kaavetkuda, Eachchantivu & Vavunativu	389	1,302						
	Periyavedduwan, Eeranakulam & Tharawai	165	578						
	Koolawadi	75	300						
	Vaharai	Kathiraveli	1,999	7,828	3,843	3,985	251	329	110
		Vammivadduwan	2,934	11,162	5,394	5,798	51	592	159
		Kandaladi	982	3,552	1,794	1,758	81	230	258
		Vaharai	1,764	6,321	3,009	3,312	288	1,049	154
		Verugal	1,802	7,008	3,489	3,519	217	307	95
	VAHARAI TOTAL	9,481	35,871	17,529	18,372	888	2,507	776	
BATTICALOA & TRINCOMALLE TOTAL		11,174	43,084	19,279	20,522	888	2,507	776	

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District	DS Division		Families	Individuals
Jaffna	Vadamarachchi East	Kevil GTMS	288	986
		Vettilaikerni with relatives	372	889
		Kodukkilai	83	277
		Kattaikadu	87	236
		Pullaveli	10	78
		Aliyawalai	81	251
JAFFNA (VE) TOTAL			921	2,717
Vavuniya	Vavuniya North	Vingnanakulam	336	1535
		Mannakulam	89	338
		Periyakulam	42	173
VAVUNIYA TOTAL			467	2,046
Mullaitivu	Oddusudan	Thirumurukandy GTMS	14	47
		Karuvelankandal GTMS	8	26
		MPH, Mankulam	3	12
	Thunukkai	Mallavi Central College	77	295
	Puthukudiyiruppu	Udayarkaddu MV	107	436
		Ganesha Vidyalayam	26	107
MULLAITIVU TOTAL			235	923
Mannar		Thadchana Marudhamadu	303	1034
		Madhu	75	338
MANNAR TOTAL			378	1,372

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Kilinochchi	Karachi	Bahrathipuram	192	707						
		Urithiripuram Church	25	77	33	44	4	4	1	
		Scanthapuarm GTMS No	15	47	16	31	2	3	1	
		Ramanathapuram MV	31	137	68	69	3	4	4	
	Kandawalai	Pramanthanaru MV	227	1,172	548	624	65	78	19	
		Punnaineeravi MV	68	228	105	123	14	14	3	
		Kalvettithidal MV	228	679	609	70	1	1		
		Kandawalai MV	231	985	472	513	28	38	12	
	Poonakari	Arasapuram GTMS	160	736	358	378	28	28	16	
		Nochchimunai	31	32	30	2				
		Keri - Nakapaduwan	145	667	320	347	33	29	4	
	KILINOCHCHI TOTAL			1,353	5,467	2,559	2,201	178	199	60

