Sarvodaya Response to the Present Emergency Humanitarian Situation in the North of Sri Lanka

Mannar District (updated as at 01st June, 2009)

Relief

- 530 pregnant mothers’ kits were sent to Mannar district on 8th of April 2009, with assistance of Malteser International.
- Sarvodaya has provided food items, non food items and livelihood activities to IDP sites in Mannar district. The NCA has assisted to provide relief and early recovery activities to Vavuniya and Mannar districts.
- 884 food relief items and 172 NFRI packs were distributed to IDP families in Nannattan and Mannar divisions in Mannar district.
- Bicycles, fish boxes, fishing nets and weighing scales were provided for livelihood support to 118 IDP families in Nannattan and Mannar divisions in Mannar district.
- 1,150 childrens’/infants’ kits were sent to Mannar on 10th of April 2009.
- 220 family kits, 8 mats and food items were sent to Mannar on 17th of April 2009.
- Recently 120 IDPs were accommodated in Sinhala Maha Vidyalayam in Mannar district. Pillows and mats were distributed to the camp by Sarvodaya.
- 20 wheel chairs for disabled people, 60 packs of women’s clothes and 1000 mats were distributed to Mannar General Hospital.

Water and Sanitation

Water and Sanitation services are provided to several IDP sites in Mannar district with the assistance of Oxfam.

- Water and Sanitation services are totally covered by Mannar Sarvodaya in following IDP sites in Mannar district including water supply, latrine constructions, construction of bathing places and public health promotion activities.
  1. Musali IDP site
  2. Rice Mill
  3. Church Compound
  4. Kalimodai Puliyankulam
• Tube wells were constructed in Sirukandal IDP site with the assistance of IOM.

• 10 semi permanent latrines were constructed in Illupaikulam IDP site with the assistance of NCA.

• Following activities have been provided to promote public health in sites:
  1. Awareness in maintaining hygiene eg. washing hands
  2. Awareness in maintaining cleanliness of toilets, supply of drinking water buckets
  3. Awareness and supply of cleaning materials
  4. Health awareness boards

• 6 Emergency latrines, 2 bathing places and 4 garbage bins were set up in Sinhala School IDP camp in Mannar.

• 10 semi permanent latrines have been constructed in Illupaikulam IDP camp in Mannar.

**Resettlement**

Resettlement process has been started in Musali division in Mannar district. Originally in Musali 3,885 families have been living before they were displaced. Resettlement has started in 30th April, 2009 a total of 369 people belong to 107 families have been resettled in Saveriyapuram village. Afterwards another 2,003 persons belong to 568 families have been resettled in Pandaraweli, Maruthamadu, Koolankulam, Poonochikulam, S. P. Potkerni, Ariipu East and Arippu West villages.

Sarvodaya also involves with the resettlement and community development process in Mannar. So far, Sarvodaya has organized and mobilized the resettled communities in to 4 Community Based Organizations, namely Sarvodaya Shramadana Societies. Additionally Sarvodaya has been helping with providing infrastructure such as latrines and with income generation activities.

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