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Total number of IDPs arrived in Government controlled areas from uncleared areas from October 2008 as at 26 May 2009

District	Families	Persons	Number of Sites
Vavuniya as at 26/05		253,730*	25*
Jaffna as at 21/05	3,855	11,064	12
Mannar (includes 804 old IDPs in Kalimodda and Sirukandal)	401	1,033	03
Trincomalee as at 25/05 (Pulmodda)	2,138	6,698	02
Approximation of Patients and bystanders evacuated by ICRC from 10/02 to 09/05 and patients admitted to hospital from Omanthai		1,710+/-	In 14 hospitals
TOTAL The figures given will be constantly changing due to ongoing registration		273,202+/-	Please use this as a rough figure

Source: Competent Authority (CA), Government Agents, and the District Relief & Resettlement Office (DRRO) of the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services (MR&DRS)

- *45,205 in 19 Transitional Shelter Sites
- 103 in 01 Elders home (Samankulam)
- 208,422 in 05 Zones/Transitional Relief Centres
- Zone 0 Kathirgama Village: 8,875
- Zone 01 Ananthakumarasamy: 42,606
- Zone 02 Ramanathan: 72,003
- Zone 03 Arunachalam: 40,774
- Zone 04: 34,164

Please note that the decrease in IDSL figures is due to an ongoing registration process and double counting of IDSLs in camps. Once the registration process is completed, a more holistic IDSL figure can be calculated.



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Number of IDSLs released and re-unified in Vavuniya and Jaffna

District	Release	Re-unification
Vavuniya as at 12/05 & 28/04 respectively	2,186	3,000+/-
Jaffna as at 18/05	51 names of 215 persons over 60 have been sent for SFC approval	167

Note: Release and re-unifications are on-going, but have been slowed down due to influx of IDSLs.

Number of Surrendeers in Rehabilitation Centres as at 21 May 2009

District	Males	Females	Other	Total
Jaffna	82	16	03 (infants)	101
Vavuniya	7208	1591 (a few infants are with them)	58 (14-18 yrs)	8799* (ICRC says 4000)
Trincomalee/ Pulmoddai	n/a	n/a	n/a	110
Welikanda	124	-	-	124
Ambepussa	06	22	-	28
Total	7,420	1,629	61	9,162

- 51 surrendeers are in the process of being moved to Boossa
- UNICEF has been visiting the females and children in Vavuniya Rehabilitation centre
- ICRC visits take place to Boossa

Status of Assistance at Vavuniya Sites

Coordination

- The Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services (MR&DRS) together with the District Secretary (Government Agent) Vavuniya has established a comprehensive administrative machinery within the 5 Zones (Menik Farm) in Vavuniya.
- Around 500 Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS) staff from the North who have been displaced will facilitate administration, humanitarian assistance and coordination under the GA Vavuniya. This includes Additional Government Agents, Divisional Secretaries, Zonal Directors, Planning Services, Grama Sewa Niladharies, etc.
- Each Zone will be headed by one or two senior Government officials with a core of 15 other officials assisting in provision of overall support. Furthermore, for administrative and practical purposes, the Zones will be administered under units of 10 acres (roughly consisting of 200-300 shelters) to which 01 Gramasewaka Niladhari will be assigned to assist in coordination, maintenance, look into issues arising within the unit.



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Food

- 50,000 lunch packets are being provided daily for IDPs who do not have cooking facilities. As only part of Zone 04 has cooking facilities, the distribution of packets will continue until such facilities have been provided.
- WFP/Ministry of Nation Building informs that the total requirement of dry rations for roughly 250,000 persons for a month is 3,750MT. At present a buffer stock of 1,511MT has been pre-positioned in Vavuniya which would suffice for two weeks. WFP together with MNBEID is looking at pre-positioning a buffer stock for 01 month in the coming weeks.

Water and Sanitation

- The Government Agent Vavuniya informed that the Water Board and UNICEF funded project to provide water for Zones 0-3 from the Malwathu Oya will be completed within a week. This would ease the on-going water bowsering and any shortage experienced at sites.

Health

Progress of Health Care Centres and Human Resources As at 27 May 2009

Location	Population	Healthcare Centres			Human Resources	
		Referral Centres	Primary Healthcare Centres	Proposed PHCs	Medical Officers	Nurses
Zone 0 Kathirgama	18,875	01	01	01	10	05
Zone 01	42,606	01	02	00	10	05
Zone 02	72,003	01	02	03	09	05
Zone 03	40,774	01	02	01	09	05
Zone 04	34,164	01	00	05	15	09
Total	208,422	05	07	10	53	29

Source: Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition

- A mobile dental unit has been dispatched to provide dental care services for those in welfare centres. A mobile laboratory has also been assigned to Vavuniya to improve investigation facilities in the welfare centres.



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Nutrition

- Routine immunization is carried out at all welfare centres. De-worming tablets for IDSLs and Pyrethin syrup (for children under 2 years) are provided on arrival at sites
- A nutrition assessment of all children under 5 years was carried out for the previous case load of IDSLs. The assessment will continue for the new arrivals as well. *Unimix* is provided to all children below 5 years.
- Nutritional Screening centres (where Therapeutic feeding will be made available) will be established at all Primary Healthcare Centres in the 04 Zones and Kathirgama RV. The technical guidance will be provided by the Family Health Bureau and UNICEF, and the program will be implemented by Sarvodaya. The funding for this Emergency Nutritional Programme will be provided by UNICEF.

Counseling, Psychosocial Support and assistance to differently-abled

- Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare has 110 counseling officers in Vavuniya. They have been identifying necessary counseling and other welfare services required for IDSLs, conducting counseling sessions, play and art therapy for children, counseling programmes for youth, students and elders, conducting classes for students, establishing reading centres in Menik Farm, printing and photocopying of syllabus notes and coordinating all social welfare activities at the sites.
- A project for assisting persons with disabilities is also underway with 50 wheelchairs being provided at the initial stage. Another 50 wheel chairs with commode facilities will be provided for the disabled in Vavuniya centres
- An elders home for 200 persons is being constructed in Mannar with an estimated cost of Rs. 15 million for the project.

Sources: Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services, Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition, Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare and Government Agents Vavuniya, Jaffna and Mannar and Trincomalee.