

## Emergency Relief for Internally Displaced in Vavuniya



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The 30 year long war in Sri Lanka ended in May 2009. Thousands of civilians displaced by the conflict in the Mulaitivu and Kilinochchi Districts in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka began arriving in Vavuniya from early 2009.

By April 2009, the 19 temporary welfare centres were first set up in Vavuniya. Other centres were set up in Mannar and Jaffna. During this time, ADT assisted the running of the welfare centre housed at Nelukulam Technical College in Vavuniya. ADT was also in charge of caring for one ward in the Vavuniya hospital, which was treating sick and injured civilians.

The old welfare centres were closed and new centres were set up by the Government at Manik Farm, Chettikulam in Vavuniya

### Helping the Displaced – Our Response

The Manik Farm Emergency Transit Camp is made up of four zones. Approximately 280,000 persons are housed here. There are over 30,000 children without parents (UNICEF data).



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Since the 2nd of May 2009, ADT has been working with the displaced persons in Zone 2 'Ramanathan Transit Village' which houses 5,340 displaced persons (1,706 families) living in 544 shelters and also Zone 4 (4C) housing 4,905 individuals.

In total, ADT is providing complementary food and non-food items to 10,245 persons.

Groups have been formed to do community cooking with basic rations of rice, lentils etc... provided by the World Food Programme. ADT runs 5 community kitchens where about 150 – 200 families cook together, in each kitchen. ADT continues to provide complementary food such as vegetables and non-vegetable protein (fish, dry fish, soya or eggs) on a daily basis and other special food items such as *samaposha* (soya based cereal) and milk powder, particularly for the children, pregnant and lactating mothers, the sick and the elderly.

Many of the civilians arrive with little more than the clothes they are wearing. ADT also provides clothes, undergarments, pillows, cooking utensils, plates, cups and spoons.

## How can you help?

You may contribute in cash or kind

1.75 US\$ (SLR 175) will feeding one person for one day.

If you would like to contribute in kind, please see below items that are needed urgently:

### Food items:

- Milk powder
- Tea leaves
- Vegetables \*
- Dry fish
- Onions
- Tamarind
- Chilli powder
- Eggs \*
- Salt
- Samaposha

(\*Perishable items will be purchased from Vavuniya. Donations in cash only)

### Non-Food Items :-

- Ladies under-garments / Gents under-garments
- Dresses for pregnant mothers
- House coats / night dresses for women
- Sarongs / shirts / t-shirts
- Children's clothing
- Toiletries (toothpaste / toothbrush / soap)
- Sanitary napkins
- Towels
- Slippers (for men, women and children)
- Plates
- Cups
- Drinking water
- Basic medicines (Panadol & Balms)



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If you are willing to help please contact us on  
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