

VANNI RELIEF

RATIONALE

The ongoing conflict and hostilities in the Vanni region have caused a new displacement of approximately 300,000 as of January 2009; this is representative of multiple displacements. This has triggered significant disruptions to daily life within the area. The instability arising throughout people's livelihoods is causing either mass movement elsewhere or growing economic disparities at both the individual level as well as the community level. Health and shelter issues are also critical issues that are forcing people to live in detrimental conditions.



Concerns are rising over the safety of tens of thousands of civilians trapped in conflict-affected areas in northern Sri Lanka without safe passage out of the fighting. Officials from the UN and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said more than 230,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Vanni remain precariously close to heavy fighting between government forces and cadres from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

Arrangements have been made to accommodate at least 30,000 families at three locations in Vavuniya District, currently there are 1,168 people from the Vanni. While most of those escaping the fighting have been moving south, others are moving north of the Vanni, towards the Jaffna Peninsula, according to Jaffna government agent; by 17 January 1,200 persons had sought refuge in Jaffna.

INTERVENTION

Relief Pack



Alliance Development Trust – NCEASL will directly implement, distribution of 50,000 packs of relief packs among the Vanni internally displaced communities.

ADT-NCEASL regional teams in Jaffna and Vavunia in partnership with the regional pastor's fellowships and humanitarian agencies will co-ordinate the relief activities.

Relief assistance in terms of food relief packs will be sufficient for two weeks provision for family of five, the food pack will include, Rice, Dhal, Sugar, Soya meat, Tea leaves, Full Cream Milk powder, oil, canned fish, Candles and box of matches.



School Pack

ADT will distribute 25,000 school packs to integrate the displaced children to recommence the education in local schools. School pack distribution will be co-ordinated through the local schools and welfare centres.

The school pack will include school bag, shoes, socks, exercise books and student stationeries.



IMPLEMENTING AGENCY BACKGROUND

Alliance Development Trust is the relief and development arm of the National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka (NCEASL). The NCEASL is a national network of approximately 1200 congregations, Fellowships, and Christian organizations from five denominations, representing more than 200,000 Evangelical Christians in Sri Lanka. Since 1952, the NCEASL has implemented community-based programs and national advocacy campaigns, disaster response, community development, human rights and religious liberty, promote unity and spiritual development and improve quality of life in Sri Lanka.

NCEASL is affiliated to the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA)—a worldwide

network of 335 million Christians from 124 countries—set up to promote global unity and action among churches.

In the 1980s, in the aftermath of deadly cyclones, the riots of 1983 and the ongoing war in the North and East, the NCEASL intervened with emergency relief. Since that time, NCEASL has worked extensively with IDPs in refugee camps, marginalised and poor in Sri Lanka, has initiated programmes in the areas of livelihood recovery, infrastructure development, water and sanitation, Child participation in development, Peace and reconciliation, HIV and AIDS awareness and disaster response sectors to serve the communities. (www.adt.lanka.org)

How can I Help?

ADT- NCEASL relief operations are supported by the individuals, congregations and partner agencies. Individuals or Congregations may designate financial gifts to VANNI RELIFE. ADT - NCEASL will send the acknowledgement receipts within 30days and project updates and reports will be send to the partners.

Relief Pack	LKR Rs. 1500	USD \$ 13	EUR 10	Aus \$ 20
School Pack	LKR Rs. 2300	USD \$ 20	EUR 15	Aus \$ 30
Medical *	LKR Rs. 7500	USD \$ 65	EUR 50	Aus \$ 100

* for medical support details write to nceasl@slt.net.lk

DECIDE how many PACKS you wish support.

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