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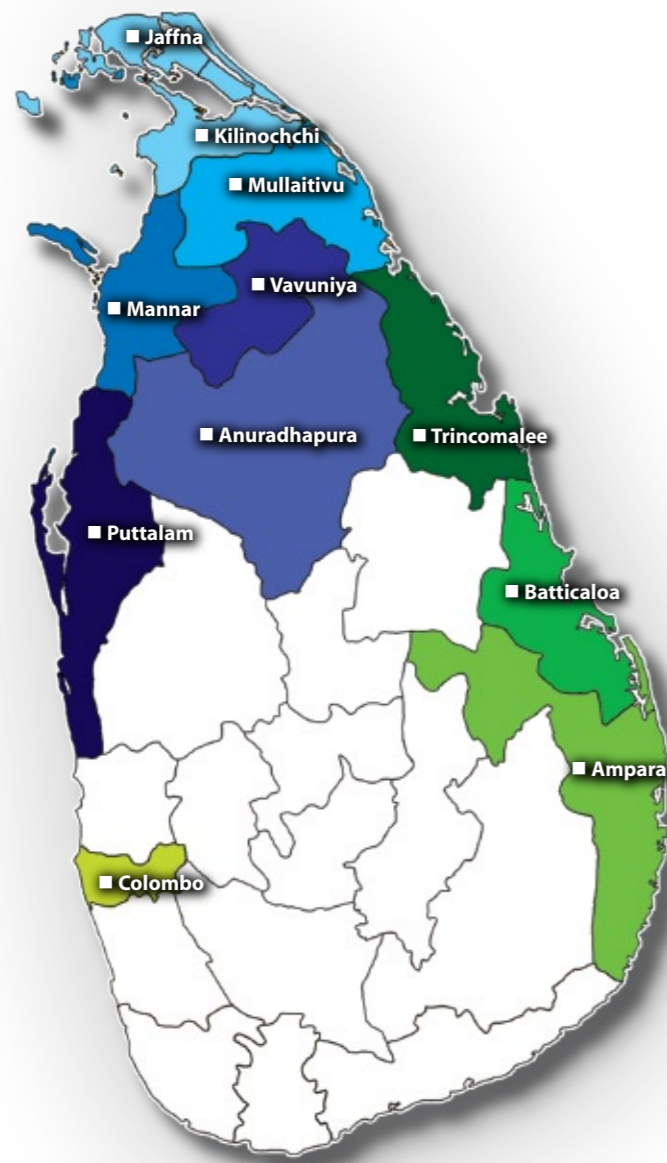
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All internally displaced persons have the right to a basic standard of shelter and housing.

*Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement -
www.unhcr.org*

Beyond survival, shelter is necessary to provide security and personal safety, protection from the elements and enhanced resistance to ill health and disease. Shelter is also important for human dignity and to sustain family and community life as far as possible in difficult circumstances.

Who are IDPs?

Internally displaced persons are individuals or groups of people who have been forced to flee their homes to escape armed conflict, generalized violence, human rights abuses or natural or man-made disasters.

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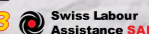
Shelter Coordination Cell



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Shelter Coordination Cell



Terms of Reference:

- Information compilation allowing regular, factual and representative reporting of current emergency situation in regard to shelter needs and achievements.
- Shelter contingency planning in case of future displacement.
- Formulation/standardization of technical designs and activities in line with cost effective and socially appropriate solutions.
- Provision of technical guidance and supervision in shelter construction activities including site identification and development.
- Ensuring camp planning is given due consideration including water, sanitation, health, educational and protection related inputs.
- Assistance in close monitoring of shelter activities, ensuring above requirements are met and tasks performed in scheduled fashion.
- Identification of gaps in emergency response that may require further lobbying, government liaison, advocacy and/or specialist attention.



In response to the recent conflict related mass movements of population throughout Sri Lanka and in support of the government, the UNHCR has established a Shelter Coordination Cell (SCC). Under the leadership of UNHCR and in partnership with SOLIDAR, NRC and UNOPS the SCC coordinates response to the current emergency as well as plans and prepares for any future displacements. In addition the cell provides guidance and act as a technical knowledge bank for shelter related topics.



SCC Structure

- 1) A central unit is based in UNHCR Colombo with a core team comprising skilled members from the shelter cell partnership. This cell is responsible for the central information collation and dissemination of the national IDP shelter situation
- 2) Each IDP hosting region is covered by a local (satellite) shelter coordination cell. This function falls under the leadership of UNHCR Sub Office with a supporting shelter focal point from one of the partner agencies. The satellite cells meet regularly to provide an accurate reflection and projection of the situation on the ground.

