

SCC FOCUS IN 2009

The SCC positions itself so that it can be responsive to the environment in which it works therefore the focus of the SCC is foreseen to change in 2009.

- In order to better support agencies in the Field to respond to the needs of the beneficiaries, the SCC will move its base of coordination to the North in 2009
- The link with the Government of Sri Lanka will be strengthened with a Liaison Officer based in Colombo with identified focal points in the line ministries
- Activities in the East will focus on return assistance for 13,000 remaining IDPs, relocation

of those unable to go back to areas of origin and care and maintenance in camps. Including facilitating the return of 3,000 Musali IDPs in the North and devising appropriate shelter and NFRI assistance based on conditions in return areas

- Facilitating Early recovery activities
- In order to take stock of the SCC activities in 2009 a sector wide evaluation has been proposed to target all shelter agencies activities to provide a 'lessons learnt' on shelter assistance
- The Shelter cell has and will continue to prepare and position itself for the process of Clusterisation if and when the decision is taken

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Shelter Coordination Cell

2008 Update



Shelter Coordination Cell

The Shelter Coordination Cell (SCC) is a coalition of shelter agencies forming a service and support network to the Shelter Sector.

The Shelter Cell supports the UNHCR in its lead role as the UN Agency mandated for protection and assistance to conflict displaced IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) and post conflict IDP Emergency Shelter.

Due to the changing operational situation the focus of the cell will shift in 2009 and the central cell will be in Vavuniya with satellite cells in Mannar Jaffna, Killinochchi/Mullativu, Batticaloa and Trincomalee.

The central membership of the SCC has also evolved to include UNHCR, Solidar, Norwegian Refugee Council UNOPS and IOM.

2008 HIGHLIGHTS

\$18,000,000 spent by the Humanitarian community on Shelter

310,000 IDPs Displaced

16,000 returnees assisted

14,000 Emergency shelters, emergencies shelter kits and house repair kits distributed

154 Tents distributed

800 damaged houses repaired

25,000 families assisted with NFRI

19,000 families assisted with Shelter

4,100 IDP families in camps assisted with camp management

61 camp management trainings and coaching sessions conducted

278 camp management committees formed and functioning

1,700 Shelters decommissioned and reused

6 camps consolidated

2008 IN REVIEW

Decommissioning: The initial slow pace of IDP returns limited the rate of decommissioning but in the last half of the year as the procedures for returns were more systematically followed, the returns picked up. Some 1,700 individual and multi family unit shelters were decommissioned and reused in Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts.

Camp Consolidation: The process of camp consolidation was systematized with the strategy developed by the UNHCR in Batticaloa. During 2008, 20 camps were consolidated to 14 in Batticaloa district.

Assisted Return: The process of return was supported by shelter agencies with defined

procedures. For IDPs unable to return the UNHCR provided guidance on participation in Government organized relocations. Since the start of 2008, almost 16,000 individuals have been returned to their areas of origin in Batticaloa, Trincomalee and Jaffna.

Trainings and presentations: Training in Camp Management and coaching were carried out throughout the year with the participation of IDPs, NGOs, Government authorities and the Sri Lankan Army. The SCC in Colombo and the districts also facilitated presentations on cross cutting issues including: Humanitarian Mine action by Foundation Swiss De Déminage (FSD), Protection Gap analysis and Age Gender Diversity Mainstreaming by UNHCR protection, targeting

individuals with physical and mental disabilities in shelter assistance by Handicap International and Camp Management and coaching by NRC.

Emergency Preparedness and response: Shelter contingency plans were updated to respond to the situation in the Northern districts. Focus was on Vavuniya as the Humanitarian Hub of operations since September 2008. After the relocation of agencies from the Vanni, shelter assistance support was planned and implementation started in a coordinated manner from Vavuniya into the Vanni amid considerable challenges.

SCC Coordination: The SCC focused its activities in Vavuniya to support the contingency

planning process in case of a displacement out of the Vanni as well as simultaneously coordinating assistance into the Vanni. The SCC improved its technical support and policy guidance with more technical working group meetings aimed at agreeing on the principles of the emergency response.

Web Page: Minutes of SCC meetings as well as monthly and weekly reports have not been posted on the webpage since May this year. However the various policy documents drafted when finalized would be posted on the SCC webpage at http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/srilanka_hpsl/shelter.aspx.