

Sri Lanka: DFID Humanitarian Assistance

Since September 2008, DFID has allocated £13.5 million of humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka. To date:

	Agency	Purpose	Amount (£ million)
1	World Food Programme (WFP)	DFID funds paid for running the WFP Joint Logistics Centre in Vavuniya serving both UN agencies and NGOs, and also paid for the truck convoys taking the only food supplies into the Vanni for the IDPs during the conflict in January and February this year. All land access to the IDPs on the conflict zone was then stopped in February.	0.25
2	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	The ICRC played a unique role in providing assistance to those trapped in the conflict area and were the only international humanitarian agency present in the conflict area for the last six months. During this period they evacuated by sea more than 14,000 sick and wounded people from the conflict area to safety. The ICRC also provides assistance (ranging from medical care (including war surgery) to shelter, water and sanitation as food and non food relief items in the IDP camps) and protection activities such as visiting and registration of detainees. DFID provided the first significant contribution to the ICRC 2009 Emergency Appeal for Sri Lanka.	1.5
3	United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)	DFID provided the first significant contribution to UNHCR Sri Lanka in 2009. These funds have underwritten the capacity of UNHCR to provide thousands of temporary shelters in the IDP camps and enhance protection capacity through specialist staffing. Both national and International organisations partner with UNHCR to undertake this protection work. UNHCR have been given official responsibility for IDPs by the Government of Sri Lanka.	1
4	International Organisation of Migration (IOM)	The IOM worked with WFP to provide a lifeline logistics and trucking service carrying UN and NGO supplies into the conflict zone in January and February 2009. This work continues today to serve the humanitarian needs of the IDP camps in Vavuniya. This service prioritises the needs of international and national NGOs including Sewa Lanka (a major national NGO). The IOM were entirely funded by DFID to undertake this work	0.5
5	International Organisation of Migration (IOM)	This grant enables IOM to support the Office for Central Statistics in the registration and provision of ID cards to the IDPs. This is a fundamental requirement ahead of returns of the IDPs from the camps to their homes.	0.335
6	United Nations Childrens Fund (UNICEF)	UNICEF is the cluster lead for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) provision in the IDP camps in Vavuniya. They provide significant support to the Sri Lankan Water Board, and Sewa Lanka to enable them to increase their activities within the IDP camps. UNICEF's child protection programme includes the provision of child friendly spaces, equipment, sport and other materials	0.5
7	United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)	This grant enabled UNHCR to airlift and transport 5,000 tents from emergency stocks in Dubai. This took place in April 2009, immediately after the influx of more than 100,000 people from the conflict area to the IDP camps in Vavuniya. UNHCR tents (including this consignment) provide emergency shelter for more than 100,000 people.	0.5
8	United Nations Operations (UNOPS)	These funds were provided to UNOPS to construct temporary shelters and for water and sanitation activities in the IDP camps in Vavuniya. This work includes a large emergency drainage project in the flood prone Menik Farm Zone 2 site to make a rapid contribution to improve the general public health situation and the provision of 3,000 emergency shelters for returnees to Manthai west.	0.55
9	International Organisation of Migration (IOM)	This grant enabled IOM to build, equip and supply 10 temporary health clinics in the IDP camps in Vavuniya. The clinics are staffed by doctors and nurses from the Ministry of Health, who diagnose and treat injuries and illnesses and refer serious cases to the referral hospital.	0.5
10	Oxfam and CARE	This grant supports the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) cluster sector and includes hygiene promotion and large scale solid waste disposal in the IDP camps in Vavuniya. Both organisations partner with national NGOs to implement this work.	0.65
11	Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)	These funds support MSF to provide emergency surgery and post operative follow up care for war wounded civilians, many of them children. The programme is based in Vavuniya Hospital, and provides international specialist surgeons and international and national nursing staff.	0.4
12	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	This grant directly underwrites the cost of an emergency measles and polio vaccination campaign undertaken by UNICEF together with the Ministry of Health covering all IDP camps in Vavuniya. It also includes the provision of nutritional supplements to malnourished children identified through a community based system. This programme	0.4

		uses the emergency health clinics under the DFID funded IOM programme (see 9) as a base in the IDP camps.	
13	Mines Advisory Group (MAG)	This project will help to facilitate the safe passage of the IDPs and humanitarian agencies in the former conflict area. MAG will undertake specialist mine survey and clearance leading to the release of large areas of land in the Vanni.	0.5
14	Office of the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	This project will support OCHA with interim funding to maintain the UN Information Management Unit (IMU) to continue to provide an information management service to support the humanitarian community in Sri Lanka. The IMU provides bespoke regular humanitarian updates and reporting, as well as 'at a glance' emergency updates to the UN Agencies, other donors and NGOs.	0.075
15	International Organisation of Migration (IOM)	This grant will enable IOM to transport IDPs from the existing 'closed' camps back to their areas of origin in a safe and dignified way.	0.25
16	Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	This grant will enable the FAO to provide 3 bushels of rice seeds to 8,800 returning IDP families to the West Vanni region. This will enable those returning from the camps to their areas of origin to become self sufficient in rice production and help them to restart agricultural activity.	0.22
17	The HALO Trust	This grant will enable HALO to undertake specialist mine surveillance and clearance in Mullaitivu District	0.5
18	International Organisation of Migration (IOM)	This multi sector grant supports the safe and dignified transportation of a further 15,000 people; emergency shelter for 350 households; safe water, sanitation and hygiene promotion to 350 households; livelihoods support for 400 households; primary health care services for 40,000 returnees; and will ensure completion of the provision of ID cards for all returnees.	1.0
19	World Food Programme (WFP)	This grant will support the running of the WFP Joint Logistics Centre in Vavuniya and expansion of new logistical hubs in the Vanni being developed to provide interagency logistical support and transport serving programmes of both UN agencies and NGOs.	0.3
20	United Nations Operations (UNOPS)	This grant supports a UNOPS project to provide transitional shelter and income generating schemes for approximately 2,000 families returning to the Vanni. This project is co-funded by USAID.	1.0
21	United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)	This grant will enable UNHCR to continue with their cash grant to IDPs returning to the Vanni and Jaffna. The grant helps returning IDPs to buy essential goods and provides economic security in their first weeks of leaving the camps.	0.3
22	Save the Children NGO Consortium	This grant will enable international and a local NGO to assist returning IDPs recover their livelihoods, for example providing farming tools, fishing nets and sewing machines.	0.43
23	Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	This grant will support FAO to coordinate the food security and agriculture sectors to provide for returning populations in 2010 and. It will also underwrite a livestock management programme.	0.2
24	International Organisation of Migration (IOM)	This is an emergency "bridging" grant to keep IOM's transport service on the road before other longer term donor funds become available. This provides safe, dignified transport for returning IDPs going to transit centres in their home areas.	0.075
25	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	This grant supports ongoing ICRC integrated protection and assistance activities for victims of conflict, as well as training in International Humanitarian Law for the Sri Lankan Armed Forces	0.2
26	Oxfam	This grant will support Oxfam to ensure that critical WASH and livelihood support activities are provided to returnees in the north of Sri Lanka.	0.3
27	Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	This grant will help DRC to implement an integrated livelihoods, protection and demining programme in the Killinochchi District of northern Sri Lanka.	0.35
	Total		12.785

Notes

- DFID has also deployed humanitarian experts to support the British High Commission in Colombo on a full time basis since February 2009. At least one expert adviser will remain deployed until the end of July 2010. Our experts visit the Menik Farm IDP camp in Vavuniya regularly. Operational costs for our Humanitarian Advisors are being taken from the remaining balance.
- All of DFID's humanitarian assistance is provided on the basis of the assessment of humanitarian need and through humanitarian agencies which are impartial and neutral. See our Humanitarian Policy Paper for more information.
- "Assistance" activities include the provision of; food, shelter, water and sanitation, non food relief items (blankets, cooking sets, sleeping mats, jerry cans etc) and health services (ranging from war surgery to primary health care).
- "Protection" activities comprise a wide range of activities aimed at ensuring respect for International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the rights of all individuals. Activities include registering people, tracing missing persons and reuniting children separated from their families.
- IDPs are internally displaced persons.