

*This report covers the period from 18 to 19 May 2009. The next report will be issued on or around 20 May.*

### I. Highlights

- On 19 May, the Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse, addressing the ceremonial opening of Parliament, announced the end of military operations in the conflict zone.
- United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, will visit Sri Lanka from 22 to 23 May 2009. He will be accompanied by the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. John Holmes.

### II. Access & Security

- Military authorities have announced that combat operations have been concluded in the conflict zone. It was announced that several of the LTTE's senior leaders including the LTTE leader Velupillai Prabhakaran, were killed during the last 72 hours.
- In Vavuniya, the Competent Authority announced that access for vehicles of humanitarian agencies (UN, NGOs) were to be restricted into Menik Farm. As a result, humanitarian agencies have had to temporarily suspend services in zones 1, 2 and 3. However, limited movements continue in zone 4 to support the erection of tents and ongoing sanitation work.
- In Jaffna, although the Security Forces Commander has announced that most I/NGOs are granted access to IDP camps in the district, most I/NGOs have not yet received official notification in this regard and some agencies continue to report difficulties in access to camps.

### III. Situation Overview

IDPs		
During the period 27 October 2008 to 18 May 2009		<b>219,410</b> persons crossed to the Government controlled areas from the conflict zone. This represents an increase of 17,859 IDPs since the last report (Sitrep No.14) on 18 May 2009. The increase is mainly due to improved, systematic registration being undertaken in the camps.
Vavuniya Camps:	199,688 <sup>1</sup>	<b>217,093</b> people are accommodated in temporary camps.
Mannar Camps:	140 <sup>2</sup>	
Jaffna Camps:	11,086 <sup>3</sup>	
Trincomalee Camps:	6,179	
Hospitals:		<b>2,317<sup>4</sup></b> IDPs (injured and care givers) are in hospitals in various districts <sup>5</sup> as of 18 May 2009.
RELEASES		
Vavuniya Camps:	1,487	<b>1,535</b> people have been released from temporary camps into host families and elders' homes as of 18 May 2009. The majority of these people are elderly, mentally challenged individuals and other vulnerable groups.
Mannar Camps:	5	
Jaffna Camps:	43	
The UN estimates that between <b>40,000 – 60,000</b> people who fled the conflict zone since 15 May are still in transit.		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Government, UNHCR (Vavuniya) and Divisional Secretary Vavuniya (DS VA)

<sup>2</sup> Source: Assistant Project Director Office (PDA Office Kachcheri)

<sup>3</sup> Source: GA office (Jaffna)

<sup>4</sup> Source: Programme Coordinator (GH Trincomalee)

<sup>5</sup> This includes General Hospital Trincomalee, Base Hospital Kanthalai, Peripheral Unit Thampalakamam, Field Hospital Pulmoddai, Base Hospital Padaviya, National Hospital Colombo, Teaching Hospital Kandy, Cancer Hospital Maharagama, General Hospital Polonnaruwa, and General Hospital Mannar. Missing data for the hospitals of Vavuniya and some other locations estimated over 1,500 people.

- According to the Competent Authority in Vavuniya, 10,000 people will be settled in Menik Farm zone 4 on 18 May. Depending on the progress of shelter construction, there are plans for an additional 30,000 people to be accommodated in the next few days.
- As of 18 May, 1,560 IDPs are accommodated at Aandiyarpuliyankulam School, which is a new transit site that was set up in Vavuniya on 18 May.
- As of 18 May, 232 individuals (68 families) were transferred from the Sampathnuwara IDP site in Padaviya (Anuradhapura district) to the Sahanagama IDP site in Trincomalee.

#### IV. Humanitarian Response

##### Food

- In Vavuniya, the NGO Consortium highlighted that the current capacity at Omanthai of the Sewa Lanka Foundation and the GA is 15,000 cooked meals. Therefore additional assistance from other organizations was requested.

##### Shelter

- In Vavuniya, as of 18 May, 1,513 tents have been erected at Menik Farm zone 4 by IOM [1,458] and CARE [55]. A total of 8,911 tents have been erected in all sites in the district by various actors.
- In Trincomalee, as of 19 May, land clearing has started in the Sahanagama IDP site – plot 2.

##### NFI

- In Vavuniya, the NFI cluster has identified the unavailability of accurate IDP figures for Menik Farm zone 4 as a hindrance to effectively carrying out NFI distribution.

##### Health

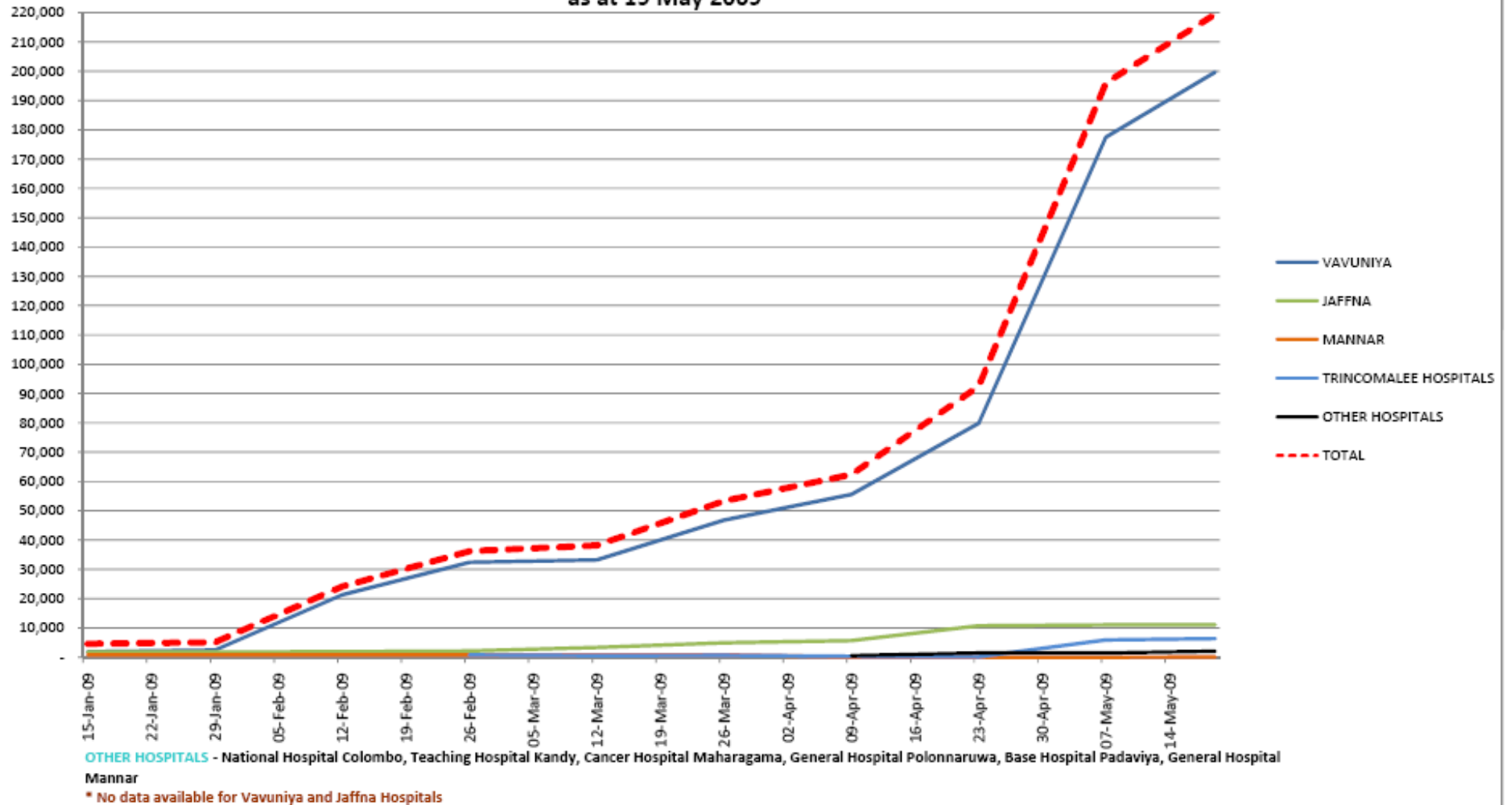
- On 18 May, the ICRC released a press statement making an urgent appeal for medical care to be provided to the wounded in the area that was hard hit by fighting in recent weeks. For nine consecutive days the ICRC has been pursuing efforts, so far without success, to reach the area. The ICRC has offered to assist the authorities in evacuating any remaining civilians from the conflict area, care for the sick and wounded, and provide emergency assistance for the displaced.
- In Jaffna, on 18 May, the Regional Department of Health Services (RDHS) opened the renovated Postnatal Care Unit (PCU) in Varani to cater for the needs of displaced pregnant women who do not have relatives in Jaffna. The PCU was renovated with assistance from the International Medical Health Organization, UNFPA and the World Health Organization.

#### V. Funding / CHAP

- As of 19 May, the 2009 CHAP for Sri Lanka is 39 percent funded, with US\$ 60,776,040 received out of the US\$ 155,112,669 required. In addition, US\$ 25,835,490 has been pledged by various donors, which would bring the level of funding up to 49 percent once the contributions are received.
- On 18 May, the Japanese Government provided assistance valuing over US\$ 434,400 (Rs. 50 million) to address needs of civilians fleeing the conflict zone. The stock of assistance consisting of 560 tents, 10,000 sleeping mats, 4,000 plastic sheets, 30,000 jerry cans and 1,000 mosquito nets was immediately dispatched to Vavuniya. This is in addition to Emergency Grant Aid totaling US\$ 4 million provided through UNHCR, UNICEF and IOM. A stock of 6,255MT of rice and 132 tonnes of tuna canned fish purchased through Japan's Food Grant Aid will also arrive shortly in Colombo and will be distributed among displaced civilians through the WFP.

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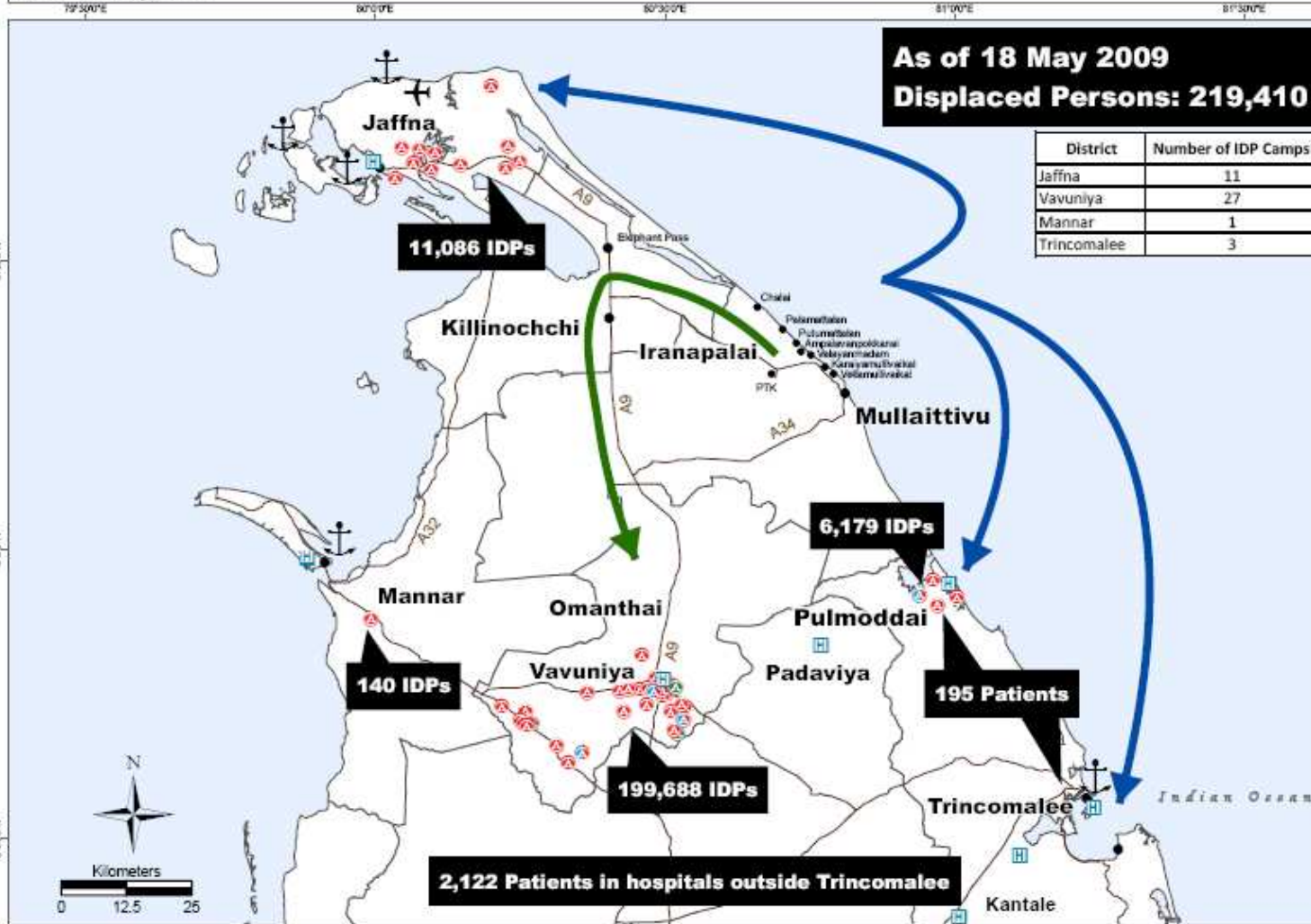
**IDP Arrivals/Registrations in Jaffna, Vavuniya, Mannar, Trincomalee Districts and other locations  
as at 19 May 2009**



# Vanni IDP Movements

As of 18 May, 2009

Northern Area



### Area Detail



### Legend

- District Boundary
- Semi Permanent Shelter Sites
- Emergency Shelter Sites
- New site identified for Emergency Shelter
- Hospitals with Vanni injured patients
- Ports
- Domestic Airports
- IDP movement by sea
- IDP movement by Land

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