



IOM International Organization for Migration

## EARLY RECOVERY AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR CONFLICT-AFFECTED RETURNS

Following a massive movement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in late 2009 and early 2010, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in coordination with the Government of Sri Lanka, local partners and the UN, began implementing a resettlement programme to help some 280,000 IDPs residing in Menik Farm displacement camp to return to their home districts in the north and east of the country and rebuild their livelihood.



Recent returnees receiving IOM livelihood tools

### EARLY RECOVERY & LIVELIHOOD

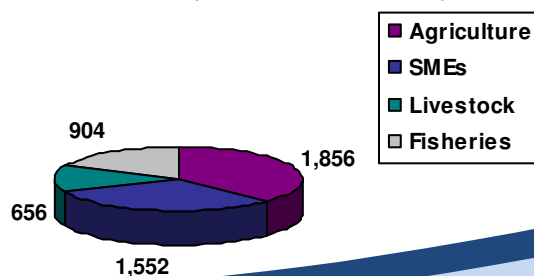
Since 2005, IOM Sri Lanka strives to support national partners to address needs of communities affected by natural and man-made disasters. IOM has been actively engaged in providing early recovery and livelihood development programmes to support national efforts to build and sustain enterprises within communities through creating opportunities for economic growth.

IOM currently focuses on assisting IDP's in post conflict areas of the north and east to rapidly re-start income generating activities. These create an immediate income at the time of return in order for the returnees to meet basic food and other survival needs, while preventing prolonged dependence on emergency relief.

### MEETING SPECIFIC LIVELIHOOD NEEDS

Based on need assessments and abilities of specific beneficiary groups, IOM assistance is designed to target support to the agriculture, fisheries, livestock and small and medium scale enterprise sectors. The projects focus on quick impact activities aiming to ensure food security through replacement of assets, provision of tool kits and inputs, including training. IOM also supports local government structures through capacity building to assist in the resettlement programme.

IOM Sri Lanka is a member of the UN Country Team and is one of the lead agencies responsible for organizing IDP returns, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Resettlement and partner agencies.



### SUPPORT FOR RETURNEES

In addition to emergency assistance through the provision of emergency shelter kits and transitional shelters, transport, water and sanitation projects, **IOM from 2009 to 2010 launched income-generating livelihood projects to support 10,788 families (approximately 43,150 individuals) returning to the northern and eastern districts of Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Killinochchi, Mullativu, Trincomalee and Batticaloa.**



### DONOR SUPPORT

IOM Sri Lanka's early recovery, livelihood assistance and resettlement operations are supported by the United Kingdom (UKAid), Australia (AusAid), the United States (USAID/OFDA), European Commission (ECHO) and Sweden (SIDA).



## Livelihood support to new returnees 2009-2010:

- Distribution of 25 masonry and 25 carpentry toolkits for livelihood development to beneficiaries in Karachchi division during this reporting period.

**Cumulative Tool Kit Distribution as of 28.02.2010**

	Mullativu District		Killinochi District		Total
	Thunukkai	Manthei East	Poonakary	Karachchi	
Masonry	25	25	25	25	100
Carpentry	28	21	26	25	100
<b>Totals</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>200</b>

- **464 households (1,856 individuals)** in Jaffna, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Trincomalee districts have received agriculture assistance (tools and technical training) to restart cultivation.
- **164 livestock farming households (656 individuals)** in Trincomalee, Mannar and Jaffna received assistance through provision of poultry, cattle and goats and basic livestock management training.
- **226 inland and sea fishing families (904 individuals)** received assistance (boats and fishing gear) to resume activities in Trincomalee, Jaffna, Mannar Mullaitivu and Killinochchi districts.
- **388 returnees' households (1,552 individuals)** have received assistance to restart small scale medium enterprises (SME's) in Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Killinochchi & Trincomalee districts.
- **IOM supported the deployment of 141 graduates and provided 105 bicycles** to assist the District Secretariats (DSs) for the Resettlement Programme in the Northern Districts.
- In Mannar District, **IOM provided assistance for the renovation and refurbishment of 6 schools** in the Musali DS division; shoes were distributed to 663 students in 5 schools in Manthei West division.
- **IOM is building the capacity of three Rural Development Societies** to provide livelihood assistance to **365 beneficiaries** in Mullaitivu and Killinochi.



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Early  
recovery  
assistance  
projects in  
Mannar and  
livelihood  
activities  
throughout  
the north  
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