



### PROVIDING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES



### FOR CONFLICT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

IOM primary health care services in Sri Lanka include emergency humanitarian action, post-conflict health systems recovery, and migration health. Since the end of the conflict between the government and the LTTE in May 2009, IOM Sri Lanka in partnership with the Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition (MOH), has provided emergency health care services to over 200,000 displaced people in northern Sri Lanka. IOM also plays a role in supporting MOH for primary health care related interventions in areas of return and in IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camps.



Waiting for medicine at a primary health clinic

### CURATIVE CARE SERVICES

- IOM has constructed, equipped, and supplied 13 of the 18 Primary Health Care Centres (PHCCs) in Menik Farm displacement camp. A total of 192,556 patients have been treated in the IOM PHCCs as of March 31, 2010.
- Has provided more than USD 200,000 worth of medical supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals, in coordination with MOH, as well as 10 large power generators to supply electricity to clinics and hospitals for primary health care activities in Menik Farm and areas of return.
- Continues to provide 16 ambulances on a 24-hour on-call basis in both IDP camps and return areas. These have facilitated the transfer of over 13,707 emergency cases to date. IOM has also dispatched 148 ambulances to escort convoys of returnees.
- Rehabilitated 2 referral hospitals in the Mullativu (Mallavi) and Killinochchi (Mulankaville) districts to serve the needs of the returned population, enabling the treatment of over 18,100 patients since November 2009.
- Supports 2 mobile medical clinics and ambulance services in Mannar district (Manthai West, Musali, and Madu.)
- Provided USD 95,000 worth of basic laboratory equipment to General Hospitals in Killinochi and Mullativu districts.

### DONOR SUPPORT

IOM Sri Lanka's health operations are mainly supported by the United Kingdom (UKAid), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Australia (AusAid) and UMCOR (via USAID).

### PREVENTIVE CARE / HEALTH PROMOTION

- IOM supported MOH in responding to dengue outbreaks in Menik Farm, Vavuniya, and Jaffna districts by:
  - a) Providing vector control equipment (8 fogging machines, 25 sprayers.)
  - b) Providing hematology test equipment for hospitals.
  - c) Organizing community awareness campaigns and environmental cleanups with the Dengue Taskforce.
  - d) Training 90 doctors and 25 nurses in dengue surveillance, diagnosis, and clinical management.
  - e) Supporting the Dengue Taskforce with vehicles and human resources.
- Supported MOH in organizing health promotion dramas and a community based disease surveillance mechanism across all IDP camps.
- Organized a medical waste management assessment / intervention in Menik Farm.



Children at the Psychosocial Support Centre.



IOM Rehabilitation Centre.



## REHABILITATIVE CARE, PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND MENTAL HEALTH

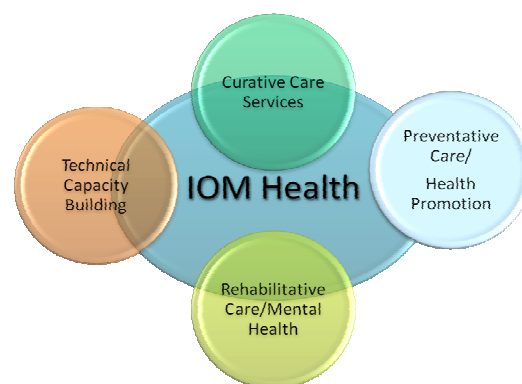
- IOM built a temporary rehabilitation centre in Menik Farm for consultation, follow up interventions and workshops for those with war injuries and disabilities. The centre is managed by the MOH and other partners.
- Assists MOH with an artificial limb fitting programme for more than 1,100 beneficiaries from IDP camps and areas of return, in collaboration with the Indian government.
- Provided transport to patients with spinal cord injuries, those who have undergone cataract surgeries, and disabled patients from return areas and Menik Farm.
- Partly-funded 2 psychosocial centres in Mallawi, Mullativu, district and Natanakandal, Killinochchi district.
- Supported a two-day post-conflict mental health training for 15 medical officers and 50 counselors.
- Converted 3 PHCCs into community centers for psychosocial activities. These are being used by the MOH and NGOs to treat people with psychosocial and mental health needs.

## PARTNERING WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- IOM works closely with WHO on undertaking joint needs assessments, provides weekly medical updates, and contributes to developing a database on health system needs at provincial level.
- Assists Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in transporting patients and UNICEF with providing cold chain at PHCC level in a vaccination drive.
- Collaborated with the Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies in providing 2 medical mobile clinics to cover returnee populations in the Mannar District.
- Assisted Help Age International with transport of elderly IDPs undergoing surgery
- Supported development of 2 psychosocial centres of an NGO linked with MOH called 'Back to Life'.
- Facilitated training on medical emergencies for 34 Terre des Hommes (TDH) staff and health volunteers in the Northern Province.
- Built a rehabilitation centre in Menik Farm. The centre supported the work of the Indian government-funded Jaipur Foot Prosthetic Limb Programme and disability-related NGOs.

## TECHNICAL CAPACITY BUILDING AND SUPPORT TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH

- IOM, in partnership with MOH, has conducted 10 training programmes and 4 workshops during the past 9 months, involving over 200 health staff working with IDPs and returnees. Selected examples of workshops include:
  - a) Strengthening disease surveillance and communicable disease prevention for medical officers and nursing staff serving at IDP camps.
  - b) Primary trauma care training for medical officers assigned to IDP and returnee areas of the north.
  - c) Training on child mental health for doctors and counselors.
  - d) Planning for primary health care development in the north (including assisting MOH pilot a health record.)
  - e) Standard operational procedures on disaster preparedness and response.
- Trained more than 210 health volunteers and NGO volunteers in basic trauma care and disease surveillance activities.
- Provided technical support to MOH at central and provincial level, in the form of 6 public health consultants.
- Provides essential transportation for medical officers, consultants and public health staff in conflict-affected areas.
- Assisted provincial authorities to prepare a health database of all basic clinical needs and human resources.
- Built a 50-bed MOH health staff living quarters in Menik Farm.



IOM health activities in the conflict affected north of Sri Lanka.

