

# UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## Sri Lanka

### SUMMARY FOR 2005

#### Critical Issues for Children and Women

Sri Lanka pursues rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts, especially in the North and East, in which women and children have been severely affected by the past 19 year long conflict between the Government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Concerns remain as LTTE continues to recruit children as soldiers. Resettlement of over 360,000 IDPs and 70,000 refugees also remains a challenge, and further attention needs to be paid to host communities.

Availability, accessibility and quality of health care and safe drinking water have all been affected by the conflict, leading to increased mortality and morbidity, especially among young children and women. In education, conflict and displacement have resulted in non-enrolment, drop-outs as well as low teaching and learning quality. Mine and UXO remains a threat to all communities particularly IDPs.

#### Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF closely collaborates with other UN agencies, Donors, NGO partners and Line Ministries. UNICEF is the coordinating agency for implementing the "Action Plan for Children Affected by War in Sri Lanka". UNICEF's humanitarian assistance will target 500,000 children and women in war affected districts.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will rehabilitate health centres and maternity wards, and provide emergency supplies, medical equipment, as well as motorbikes and vehicles for better service delivery. UNICEF will also upgrade skills of health staff on quality maternal and child health care and nutrition.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will construct and renovate safe water supply and sanitation facilities and promote better hygiene practices in schools, health centres and communities. Solid waste management systems will also be established especially for IDPs.

Education: UNICEF will provide catch-up education, school kits, and other basic education supplies and furniture. UNICEF will additionally assess education needs in North and East, rehabilitate schools and support the establishment of child-friendly schools.

Protection: UNICEF will continue to monitor the situation of child recruitment, undertake specific activities on child rights and child protection, and support the reintegration and rehabilitation of former child soldiers. UNICEF will establish psychosocial support programme in schools and youth clubs, and expand mine risk programme to communities including IDPs.

| Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005 |                   |
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| Sector                                     | US\$              |
| Health and Nutrition                       | 3,980,000         |
| Water and Environmental Sanitation         | 2,000,000         |
| Education                                  | 4,000,000         |
| Child Protection                           | 3,600,000         |
| <b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>                   | <b>13,580,000</b> |

<sup>1</sup> The total includes a maximum recovery rate of 12%. The actual recovery rate on individual contributions will be calculated in accordance with the Executive Board Decision 2003/9 of 5 June 2003.