

**TOPIC** : Daily Shelter Meeting  
**DATE** : 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
**LOCATION** : UNHCR Conference Room

**ATTENDEES** :

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Following are the significant points discussed during the meeting :

1. The following updated matrices were shared and discussed
  - (a) Shelter Construction Updates as at 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009
  - (b) Status / Plans for construction of Shelters / Tents by Agencies
  - (c) Plans for Additional Shelters
2. UNOCHA informed that according to the information received by them that there are 75,000 IDPs in the combat zone in Omanthai.
3. Zones 1,2 & 3 of Manic Farm is filled up with shelters and tents and the GoSL is pushing the Agencies to commence work in Zone 4. This will be to accommodate the IDPs that are presently put up in the schools as well as in excess in the shelters in the other zones. The agencies are reluctant and would always advaocate to have smaller camps of about 20,000 people for better management, security and protection reasons.
4. The agencies would have sufficient emergency shelters and tents to meet the immediate demand but once the emergency subside the agencies would have to continue with the shelter assistance on the following :
  - New shelters for the resettling these IDPs
  - Repair and Maintenance of shelters
  - Concentrate on new sites in Jaffna and Trincomalee
  - Repairs due to decommissioning of shelters

5. GoSL wants the agencies to start work on the Pulmodai site in Trincomalee. UNHCR will push GoSL to clear and level the land and make it suitable for construction.

6. The agencies are experiencing some difficulties in Manic Farm –Zone 2. Sites that have been allocated to them and indicated as suitable for construction by the SCC in fact were not yet ready and labourers employed by UNOPS being compelled to work in Zone 1, which is handled by the Military are some of these issues that were brought forward.

The agencies requests the assistance of UNHCR, as the shelter lead to resolve these issues.