



Situation Report 1 Multi-dimensional Crisis in Sri Lanka

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Colombo has seen huge anti-government protests in recent weeks

SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Situation in Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka is facing a multidimensional crisis compounded by food insecurity, threatened livelihoods, shortages of vital and essential medicines, and rising protection concerns.
- Acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe was elected the President of Sri Lanka in a crucial Parliament vote on Wednesday
- It is estimated that 5.7 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance
- The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has approved a US\$5-million rapid response allocation to address urgent needs on food assistance, basic agricultural and livelihoods support, vital and essential medicines and supplies, child protection, nutrition, safe water and education in priority districts.
- Fuel shortages in Sri Lanka are a major operational constraint for the humanitarian response
- The government has forecast food shortages over the next months.
- Hospitals report shortages of essential medicines and other health items, while frequent power outages are affecting the delivery of health services.
- An alarming increase in high-risk child protection incidents such as sexual assault, physical abuse, and child negligence have been reported in at least four districts, namely: Moneragala, Nuwara Eliya, Batticaloa and Mullaitivu..
- With the significantly low agricultural production unable to cover domestic requirements, imported staples like wheat flour, canned fish, milk powder and lentils are either unavailable or exorbitantly priced.
- About 73 per cent of households reported either losing their source of income or having their income reduced
- About 66.8 per cent of households in the estate sector do not have access to safe drinking water sources.

Situation Updates

Cumulative Data as on 18th July



People need assistance - 5.7M



People who need essential medicine- 1.97M



People who need food - 4.9M including 238000 pregnant and lactating women



People who need protection - 960000



Students who need support for education - 1.2M



People who need nutrition- 2.43M



People who need drinking water - 2.6M



People who need agricultural and livelihood support - 3.45M



Humanitarian Response



NGO Preparedness and Response

Response:

- OCHA is responding education, Protection, Health, Water & Sanitation, nutrition, Food security and agriculture sectors. They were completed some of their planning in education, protection, health, water & sanitation and food security.
- Humedica responds effectively in the health sector.



Source of Information:

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