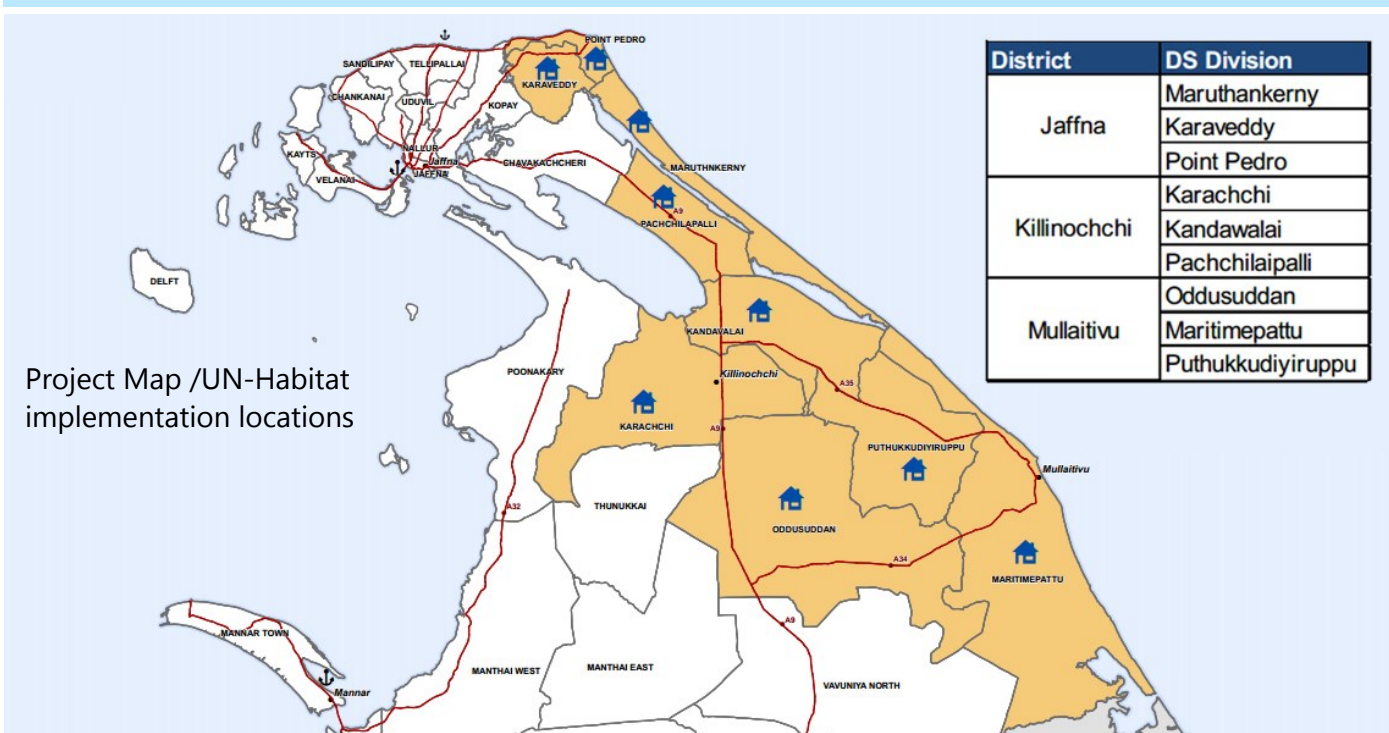




Indian Housing Project

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| Funded by | : Government of India |
| Partners | : Government of Sri Lanka, High Commission of India, UN-Habitat and displaced communities of the Northern Province |
| Implemented by | : United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) |
| Budget | : US \$ 74,000,000 |
| Locations | : Jaffna, Killinochchi and Mullaitivu districts in the Northern Province |
| Duration | : Mid 2012 - Mid 2015 (36 Months) |



Background

In May 2009, more than 25 years of conflict came to an end in Sri Lanka. While the entire country has suffered as a result, districts of the North and East have been devastated. Families have been displaced on multiple occasions, often being forced to leave their homes for many years. When people eventually returned, most of their houses had been either badly damaged or completely destroyed. As the majority of people affected are relatively poor with marginal incomes and little or no savings, they have been unable to sustain major financial shocks, such as loss of livelihoods and housing.



The Project

The Indian Housing Project is a housing reconstruction project funded by the Government of India and implemented through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL). Four Implementing Agencies (IAs) have been selected for this project, which is being executed in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka. UN-Habitat is one of the IAs together with the International Federation for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in partnership with Sri Lanka Red Cross, the National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) of the Government of Sri Lanka and Habitat for Humanity. The 36 month project will be implemented from mid 2012 until mid 2015.

The specific action of this project will lead to direct housing provision through the reconstruction and repair of 43,000 houses. UN-Habitat is responsible for supporting the reconstruction or repair of 16,800 houses in the districts of Jaffna, Killinochchi and Mullaitivu.



Project Approach

The project will be implemented using the home owner-driven methodology. Beneficiaries will be selected through a transparent process on the basis of clearly defined and objective criteria. The selection of beneficiaries for housing assistance will be undertaken in several stages during the three years. These beneficiaries will undertake the construction or repair of their houses with necessary technical assistance and support provided by the IAs. Funds will be released directly by the High Commission of India into bank accounts of beneficiaries based on certification of progress of work. Cash grants total Rs.550,000 to fully reconstruct a house and up to Rs. 250,000 to repair a house.

The entire Project is under full grant assistance of the Government of India with a total outlay of SLR 30.6 billion (approx. US \$ 270 million).



Key Activities

- Beneficiary verification and selection
- Housing and toilet construction
- Training provided in basic construction, leadership (e.g. women in decision making roles)
- Providing security of tenure for home owners
- Advocating environmentally friendly construction techniques and materials
- Skills training for craftsmen



Key Outputs

- 14,000 homes and toilets reconstructed
- 2,800 homes and toilets repaired
- 500 tradesmen completed construction training

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