

## **Children's education – one cost of displacement**

Forty schools in Jaffna east, Kilinochchi north and Mullaithivu have been affected by the large displacements caused by bombing and shelling. Schools are affected in many ways by the bombing and shelling.

The bombs and shells destroy schools. The photos show one of the larger schools in the northern part of the Kilinochchi district, the Palai Central College destroyed by the shelling on 11 August onwards.

When families of children and the school staff are forced to displace, the schools that serve these families stop functioning. The list below has the names of schools in Poonahari, Palai, and Jaffna east that are not functioning due to displacement.

All the displaced families whose children were attending these schools have to be given shelters elsewhere in safer areas. Schools are the only buildings large enough to house the huge refugee numbers. Several schools in the Mullaithivu district (see list below) are not functioning because these schools are housing refugees from the northern parts of Kilinochchi and the eastern parts of Jaffna.

### **Pictures of Palai Centreal College following Sri Lankan military shelling:**



<b>Kilinochchi District</b>		<b>Size</b>
<b>Following schools in Kilinochchi district are not functioning since the children and staff were displaced due to bombing and shelling.</b>		
<b>Palai Education Zone</b>		
<b>Six schools are not functioning affecting 1955 students</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Palai Central College</b>	<b>1084</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Iyakkachchi Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Kilali Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Mukavil Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Palai Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Tharumakerni Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>104</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1955</b>
<b>Poonahari Education Zone</b>		
<b>12 schools are not functioning due to displacement affecting 2672 students</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Poonahari Mahavidhyalayam</b>	<b>830</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Chellaihthivu Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Poonahari Nallur Mahavidhyalayam</b>	<b>353</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Samipulam Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Gnamadam Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Karukkaithivu Mahavidhyalayam</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Koutharimunai Mahavidhyalayam</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Paramankirai Mahavidhyalayam</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Madduvilnadu Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Vinasiyodai Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Sunnavil Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Poonahari Srivigneswara Vidhyalayam</b>	<b>515</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Thambirai Government Tamil Mixed School</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2672</b>

<b>Jaffna District</b>		
<b>Following schools in Jaffna district are not functioning since the children were displaced due to bombing and shelling.</b>		
<b>Maruthankerni Education Zone</b>		
<b>12 schools are not functioning due to displacement affecting <span style="color: red;">2457</span> students.</b>		
1	Mamunai Government Tamil Mixed School	96
2	Chempianpatru Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed School	80
3	Maruthankerni Hindu Tamil Mixed School	355
4	Kaddaikadu Roman Catholic Tamil School	246
5	Kevil Government Tamil Mixed School	106
6	Chempianpatru Government Tamil Mixed School	256
7	Vetrilaikerni Government Tamil Mixed School	
8	Parameshwara Vidhyalayam	277
9	Vetrilaikerni Roman Catholic Tamil School	50
10	Uduththurai Mahavidhyalayam	425
11	Aliyavalai Government Tamil Mixed School	420
12	Thalaiyadi Roman Catholic School	146
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2457</b>
<b>Mullaithivu District</b>		
<b>The schools listed below are used to house refugees from Poonahari and Palai. As a result these schools are unable to function. A total of <span style="color: red;">4000</span> students are affected. In other schools in the area attendance is down due to fear of aerial bombing</b>		
<b>Mullaithivu Education Zone</b>		
1	Poothanvayal Government Tamil Mixed School	
2	Thanimurippu Government Tamil Mixed School	
3	Kaiveli Ganesha Vidhyalayam	
4	Kokkilai Government Tamil Mixed School	
5	Vedduvaikal Government Tamil Mixed School	
6	Maathalan Roman Catholic School	
7	Udayarkaddu Mahavidhyalayam	
8	Kombavil Vigneswaran Vidhyalayam	
<b>Thunukkai Education Zone</b>		
1	Mallavi Central College	
2	Thirumuhandy Hindu Vidhyalayam	