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ChildAlert Emergency Update - April 2007

There are several urgent needs in the areas where we are working in Afghanistan, Chad, and Sri Lanka. We are pleased to report on the progress Christian Children's Fund has made to help children and families in danger. But some areas are still experiencing conflict and lack many supplies and services.

Our emergency work needs immediate support — in fact it's estimated that **we will need \$1,000,000 by June 30 to continue our existing programs.** CCF's work is so critically needed by the children and families who have experienced life-threatening events and are struggling to survive. We must be able to meet unexpected needs, including some that have come up recently.



SRI LANKA

Current Situation: Post-Tsunami Children Are Still in Danger

Many children lost one or both of their parents in the devastation of the December, 2004 tsunami. CCF provided over 50 Child Centered Spaces that gave more than 6,600



children a safe environment. Our post-tsunami efforts eased the lives of children and families affected by the tsunami, but civil war broke out, bringing a host of new problems.

Extreme violence has erupted between the Tamil Tigers (a rebel militia group) and government armies, threatening and disrupting the lives of tsunami survivors, **displacing nearly 200,000 people.**

Children have been seriously affected by the war. Many of them talk about their frightening experiences — being shelled, going without food, seeing their loved ones killed or injured, and brothers being abducted.

CCF has assisted thousands of Sri Lankan children and families who are displaced once again. Many of them were eating just one meal a day. Now, we are providing nutritious food for children and income generating as well as home gardening activities for families.

Recently, dengue fever broke out in various parts of the country, causing deaths and increasing the suffering of children and families. We provided mosquito nets, especially for babies, and training about reducing the risks.

Immediate Needs: Support for Displaced Children and Families

The need to provide humanitarian assistance such as food, clean water,

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and adequate shelter for children and families will increase as more families are displaced due to the violence.

With nearly 200,000 people displaced, the situation is desperate, and these families will urgently need us to continue providing food, non-food items such as mosquito nets and clothing, income-generating activities, emergency education, and psychosocial programs for the children and families.

Resources are already stretched thin due to the increased number of displaced families. These children need our help.

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CHAD

Current Situation: Civil Violence Continues — Refugee Crisis Escalating



The violence in Chad and across the border in Darfur is taking its toll on both Chadian and Sudanese refugee populations. **Women and children are especially vulnerable.**

The humanitarian aid operations are strained by the increasing number of internally displaced people in Chad — in addition to the **more than 234,000 Sudanese refugees.** The

region is unable to support the **significant demands for food, clean water, shelter, child protection, and education.**

Immediate Needs: Constant Support for Child Centered Spaces

If we can act quickly, we can possibly **prevent the serious abuse and exploitation** that can happen to these vulnerable people. **Urgent ongoing support** is needed for our Child Centered Spaces and our psychosocial programs.

We are providing much needed services for women and children to ensure that they are free from abuse, harm, and exploitation ... including the vulnerable children who may be ill, have a disability, or be without parents.

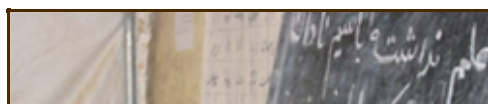
Another urgent priority for CCF is to train those who are working in the camps about child protection, HIV/AIDS prevention, and gender-based violence.

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AFGHANISTAN

Current Situation: Violence Harms Children and Hampers Relief Efforts

To date CCF's programs, which include providing schools, clean water, medicine, and food, have assisted more than



907,849 children and family members.

In 2006, there was a massive influx of formerly-displaced families returning to their communities where CCF works in northern Afghanistan. But basic needs of life were destroyed during the war, including houses, schools, and food. People had no access to medical facilities or safe drinking water.



The literacy rate is low, especially among girls — **more than 70% of girls over 15 can't read or write.**

Health issues continue to plague the region as well — **more than 72% of the population has never been to a health clinic.**

Immediate Needs: Education and Medical Relief

We are all working hard to provide shelters, clean drinking water, and income generating activities for families returning to their communities, plus school and other activities for the children.

In addition, we want to conduct literacy classes for the school-aged children — **especially for the girls.** We will need additional support for these programs.

Health education, including disease awareness programs, is another priority. We must reduce the spread of contagious diseases by teaching proper hygiene. **Too many children are contracting illnesses that can be prevented.**

Your gift today for our **ChildAlert Emergency Fund** will help Christian Children's Fund continue critically necessary programs to assist the many children and families suffering from emergency situations due to war, violent civil conflicts, or natural disasters. Together, we can make a difference for them.

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