



Office of the Regional Director of Health Services

Mullaitivu



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Human Catastrophe & Medical Emergency in the Vanni

Heavy fighting and continuous multi-barrel artillery shelling has resulted in more than 300 internally displaced persons being killed and over 1000 hundred injured in Suthanthirapuram, Udaiyaarkaddu, and Vallipuram in the Mullaitivu District.

We are making an URGENT APPEAL to the Government of Sri Lanka, ICRC, the UN, and the international community for medical supplies and medical teams to be sent to the District to assist our staff. We currently only have 9 MMBS Doctors.

The nature of the injuries and the number of the injuries is such that if these medical supplies do not arrive in the next 24 hours many of the injured will die.

Needs:

1) Blood Bags

2) Blood Transfusion sets

3) IV Fluids

- Hartmanns
- N.Saline
- Haemaceal
- Dextrose
- Gelafusin

4) IV giving set

5) IV Cannulas of different size

6) Antibiotics

- IV - Benzyl penicillin
- Ampicillin
- Cloxacillin
- Cepazolin
- Ceftriaxone
- Metranidazole
- Gentamycin
- Tazosin

Oral -Amoxicillin

- Cloxacillin
- Cephalexin
- Metranidazole
- Augmentin

Dressings

- Gauze
- Bandage
- Cotten
- Analgesics

V - Morphine

- Pethadine

-Fentanil

Oral - Paracetamol

-Ibuprofen

-oral morphine

-Panadine forte

- Indocid

Anaesthetic Drugs

-Ketamine

-Propofol

-Thiopental

-Suxamethonium

-atracurium, Rocuronium, Pancuronium

-Neostigmine

-atropine

-Hydrocortisone

-Maxalon, Ondansetron, phenargan

Local anasthetics -lignocaine

-lignocaine with adrenaline

ETT Tubes

Urinary catheters, Bags

Intercostal drainage tube

-Surgical Stuff

-Surgical blade

-Suture materials

-Vicryl 1.0,2.0,3.0,0.0

Nylon

Proline 2.0,3.0,4.0,5.0

Catgut 0.0,1.0,2.0,3.0

Silk

Suturing needles

Miscellaneous

anti malarials

Signed:

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