



*Refugees flee war zone in Sri Lanka*

In northern Sri Lanka, tens of thousands of Tamil civilians have poured out from the no-fire zone where they had been trapped by fighting between the Sri Lankan army and Tamil Tiger rebels. Despite heavy fire, the Tamils have fled into tightly controlled government transit camps, where they are being held while fighting continues.

Christian World Service is working with local organizations to meet the immediate needs of those made homeless by the fighting. The priority is to provide food, shelter and medical care as most refugees arrive with nothing except the clothes they are wearing. Many civilians have been injured in the fighting, overwhelming local hospitals with the numbers needing medical care. Doctors report that patients are lined up on the floor under beds because of lack of space. Children are dying from lack of food.

For security reasons, the government is preventing refugees from leaving the camps. People are unable to find out the fate of their families if they have become separated, adding to the trauma they are already suffering. So contact systems, trauma care and support are also urgently required.

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