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This paper assesses poverty in the conflict-affected North&East Province of Sri Lanka using hitherto unavailable data due to the protracted civil war. Past four years of ceasefire has generated data that enabled the materialisation of this working paper. The main arguments of this paper are that (a) on balance of evidence the conflict-affected North&East is the most deprived Province in Sri Lanka in terms of income/consumption & human poverty, income & infrastructural inequality, and vulnerability, and (b) restoration of good governance is imperative for combating poverty in the conflict-affected region of Sri Lanka.