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TSUNAMI RESPONSE  
CO-ORDINATION OFFICE**Tsunami Response Report No. 33**  
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 03 to 09 May, and is based on information provided by ADRA country offices in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand. Additional information and statistics is retrieved from media reports, the UN, WHO, IFRC, USAID and ReliefWeb.

**SITUATION IN BRIEF:**

1. The IFRC Operations Update dated 28 April 2005 reports the latest human toll at: 176,459 dead, 49,956 missing, 1,723,543 displaced and 507,496 homeless.
2. Some 400 health practitioners from more than 130 countries, organizations and the military attended a three-day UN-sponsored conference in Phuket, Thailand on 04-06 May 2005. They called for a future disaster preparedness agenda that focuses more on health and psychological trauma, cuts down on duplication of tasks, and ensure greater civilian-military coordination..

The meeting stressed that a global network of experts and clear procedures on handling psychological trauma and mass fatalities were crucial to improving the response to future disasters. WHO was also asked to play a stronger role in disasters – directing volunteer doctors and nurses, distributing donated equipment and medicines and monitoring the health of affected communities.

The meeting's recommendations will be taken up at the World Health Assembly from 16 to 25 May in Geneva, the annual meeting of WHO's governing body where decisions are made on how to respond to global health needs.

3. Based on the attached project list (as of 09 May 2005), the total budget for proposed projects in all four tsunami-affected countries (Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand) is approximately US\$29 mil, US\$9.2 mil of which are yet to be funded (either negotiating for funding or looking for donors).

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4. As of 04 May 2005, the total reported dead by the Indonesian Red Cross as a result of the 26 December 2004 is 128,790. The total number of missing people is still estimated at 37,063 (it is believed that some of those previously thought to be missing are confirmed dead, among IDPs or have left NAD). The total number of IDPs stands at 595,305.
5. On April 30, 2005, the Mutiara Public Hospital at the East Mutiara District in the Pidie Regency has commenced its operation. The hospital has 15 beds, 2 local doctors and 3 doctors from the FSF Franc (including 1 emergency specialist doctor) with the assistance of 25 paramedics. The hospital provides free health service, while its facilities and operational support was provided by the MSF Franc.
6. According to a report by the Aceh Provincial Satkorlak PBP, the total number of IDPs as a result of the March 28 earthquake as of April 30, 2005 in Aceh is still 81,816.
7. On May 4, 2005, at 05.58 GMT, a 5.5 magnitude tectonic earthquake occurred. The epicenter is located in 4,82 northern latitude and 94,75 eastern longitude, 30 km under the Indian Ocean, Southwest of Banda Aceh.

8. With a US\$50,000 grant from USAID, a local NGO in Banda Aceh was able to recapitalize and restart its revolving loan fund. The fund now provides working capital for over 200 micro-enterprises affected by the tsunami. Approximately 80% of these funds have already been disbursed to micro-businesses selling cooked food and drink, vegetables and fruit, children's toys and clothing. Of the loans dispersed to date, approximately 30% were received by women and repayment stands at 100%. The average loan is between US\$105 to US\$210. Currently, this is the only program in Banda Aceh providing vital "seed money" for micro-entrepreneurs to get back in business.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:**

9. No new information.

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10. Nightly radio broadcasts of tsunami-related news, information and human interest stories, compiled and produced by two USAID-funded mobile radio units traveling in the South and East, began Monday, 02 May 2005, on the Sri Lankan National Broadcasting Corporation's Sinhala and Tamil national services. The broadcasts will continue on weeknights for two months under the pilot phase of the US\$182,000 project. The project aims to build capacity of Sri Lankan radio journalists, as well as fill an information void between affected communities and the officials responsible for providing them with relief and other services.
11. A vocational education design team arrived in Sri Lanka to design a signature infrastructure project. The team visited prospective sites for up to 14 vocational schools to evaluate the anticipated cost and design of facilities to be built or rehabilitated. The team will also meet with key governmental engineers and communities on the design of the project.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA**

12. No updates.

**INDIA**

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13. On Tuesday, 03 May 2005, India received US\$465 million as IDA credit from the World Bank for reconstruction and recovery efforts in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. These are the two regions severely affected by the tsunami on December 26, 2004. According to the World Bank, this aid tranche is part of the multilateral agency's total support of US\$528.5 million for tsunami recovery operations in the country. This amount is expected to help repair or reconstruct about 1.4 lakh damaged houses in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. It is also to support the reconstruction of public buildings, the revival of livelihoods in fisheries and agriculture, as well as help in capacity-building in housing reconstruction and coastal management.
14. Thanks to USAID and its partner NGOs, adolescent girls in Chennai, Tamil Nadu are participating in skills training activities, including mushroom cultivation, basket weaving, pickling, candle making and sewing. The program has provided over 100 different training programs, reaching more than 3,200 female beneficiaries to date.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:**

15. No new information..

**THAILAND**

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16. According to UNICEF and UNAIDS, the crucial challenge affecting various sectors is prompt restoration of livelihoods. The psychological trauma of losing family breadwinners and/or source of livelihood is impacting on issues as diverse as child protection (women/girls turning to prostitution for family survival; increased vulnerability of children to abuse of exploitation) and the spread of HIV/AIDS and other STDS (increased unsafe sexual behavior among displaced, unemployed people, youth) as well as the economy and tourism industry. UNFPA is expanding work on provision of

reproductive health care services to tsunami-affected communities, including improving access to information on HIV/STI prevention, vulnerability of women and young girls and trauma-related counseling.

17. The authorities are working on repair and restoration of fishing boats and equipment, but in some areas it is not moving fast enough for the communities. In some cases, people are being taught new skills or sources of income generation, which can be useful even once former livelihoods are restored, while other measures like community-managed micro-finance schemes have been initiated, which complement Government compensation schemes.
18. A new UNDP/ILO project is being formulated, which aims to address unemployment in the tourist sector in Khao Lak and Phuket through skills acquisition and employability: employees have requested more training in income generating activity (IGA), education on rights and obligations and confidence-building training on security and disaster response. FAO stressed the need to focus on technologies that assist the creation of sustainable employment-intensive activities, which especially benefit the most vulnerable and marginalized.

**ADRA’S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:**

**Kamala School Project**

19. No new information.

**Community Recovery and Development Program**

20. **Community Recovery:** Facilitating connection of water to newly built permanent houses for tsunami victims.

21. **Health:** Child psychosocial visits ongoing; Recruiting for adventure learning team leader.

22. **Household Recovery:** Decided to assist in 5 more communities with recovery grants assessment; Ongoing.

**Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Project**

23. No new information.

**COORDINATION:**

24. All contacts should be addressed to the relevant person as detailed below. Please copy all contacts below for correspondence regarding funding availability.

25. All donors or agencies wishing to assist in the region should notify the coordinating office in order that all aid flows and submissions can be tracked. For banking details please contact the relevant officer indicated below.

26. The coordinating office is in regular contact with all the implementation offices and will revert with further information as it becomes available.

27. Information on the response from the ADRA partners will also be available on the ADRA International website at <http://www.adra.org>.

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