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Tsunami Response Report No. 34
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 10 to 16 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. Exxon Mobil Corporation employees, retirees, surviving spouses, dealers, and distributors around the world combined their contributions with corporate donations to give a total of \$11 million to tsunami relief and reconstruction. ExxonMobil initially contributed \$5 million in December and committed to a one-to-one match of employee donations, which totaled \$3 million. The ExxonMobil and affiliate contributions went to international aid agencies including UNICEF, Save the Children, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the American Red Cross and UpLift International. Contributions were also given to relief funds and organizations in Indonesia, Thailand, India, and Malaysia.
3. Based on the attached project list (as of 16 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. Donor countries through the Multi- Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) gave 250 million US dollars to tsunami and earthquake-hit Aceh province and Nias island in North Sumatra province, a press release from the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency for Aceh and Nias said on Wednesday, 11 May 2005. The Indonesian government needs over 4 billion US dollars for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the province and the island within the next five years.
5. Up to a quarter of the children caught up in the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia's Aceh have mental health problems that need professional treatment, the World Health Organization said on Tuesday, May 10. Most of the tsunami-affected adult population is also suffering from trauma-related distress, a WHO-funded study by the University of Indonesia found.

The mental health problems are far beyond the capabilities of Aceh's lone mental hospital and so the government has decided Aceh will be the first Indonesian province to have community mental health services.

Mental health problems tend to be more complex and longer-lasting than physical injuries, making this a key issue in Aceh's rehabilitation, said Dr. Stephanus Indrajaya, technical officer for WHO Indonesia. The survey showed 20-25 percent of tsunami-affected children "had significant emotional and behavioral problems and these children need skilled professional attention," Dr. Imansyah of the University of Indonesia told a news conference in Aceh's provincial capital of Banda Aceh.

6. On May 2 according to the press agency, Associated Press, foreign aid groups that wish to continue working in tsunami-hit Aceh province will have to pledge not to support the region's separatist movement or "interfere in the country's domestic affairs." The MOU would be circulated to aid groups in early May, and a list of "eligible foreign NGOs" would be announced shortly afterwards.

This announcement underscores Jakarta's sensitivity to international involvement in Ach, which was closed to foreigners before the Dec. 26 tsunami struck. The military, which dominates public life in the region, fears the influx of aid groups could lead to increased international sympathy for guerrillas in the Free Aceh Movement.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:

7. No updates.

SRI LANKA

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8. The construction of temporary houses for the tsunami affected people in the Galle District has been completed to a great extent. These were constructed by government and NGOs under the Galle direct housing scheme. These houses were constructed on the same lot allocated to each family. Out of the total 5,403 houses in the Galle district, 2,737 houses have been constructed and completed by April 30. Under construction are 1,818 more homes. Except for about 60, all the complete houses have been occupied.

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9. No updates.

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10. India signed agreements on Thursday, May 12, 2005, with the World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a \$733.5 million assistance package to help the government rebuild areas hit by the tsunami. The World Bank financing of \$528.5 million will restore clean drinking water supply to the southern state of Kerala and rebuild houses, roads and infrastructure in the other tsunami-lashed states of Andhra, Pradesh, Kerala and conclave of Pondicherry. The ADB support of \$205 million, on the other hand, will include a \$100million loan from ADB's capital resources, a \$100 million grant from its Asian Tsunami Fund and \$5 million from the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction. The ADB assistance will go towards reconstructing damaged infrastructure in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:

11. No updates.

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12. The Indigenous Livelihood Restoration and Sustainable Ecology for Lanta Island Project was officially kicked off on May 13, 2005 during a formal signing ceremony between the district of Koh Lanta, Krabi Province, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Community Organizations Development Institute (CODI) and the Chumchon Thai Foundation. The project seeks to support local government, community leaders, and the private sector to design and implement a visionary plan for developing the island in a sustainable, eco-friendly, tourism-smart, culturally-sensitive way, well beyond the immediate tsunami recovery needs.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:

Kamala School Project

13. Landfill completed and staking of construction site ongoing.

Community Recovery and Development Program

ADRA was introduced to her Royal Highness as a Tsunami supporting agency during a handing over ceremony of contributions from the Thai Royalty to affected communities.

- 14. **Household Recovery:** Continuing the building of boats in collaboration with ARC; Preparing for distribution of student support for 12 orphaned children and 18 children who have lost one parent; Conducting assessment of village data for household recovery grants; Developing appropriate policies and procedures for Revolving Loan activities.
- 15. **Community Recovery:** Continuing of spring protection construction; Preparation for 1 gravity fed water system; Providing water to 115 households at a temporary shelter; Laying concrete slabs for water tanks at one village; Completed water connection piping for 81 houses in new village; Assessing possible projects.
- 16. **Health:** Additional staff member recruited for child psychosocial team; Ongoing visits to affected locations.

Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Project

- 17. Identifying locations for drilling; Drilling machine ordered.

COORDINATION:

- 18. All contacts should be addressed to the relevant person as detailed below. Please copy all contacts below for correspondence regarding funding availability.
- 19. 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.
- 20. The coordinating office is in regular contact with all the implementation offices and will revert with further information as it becomes available.
- 21. 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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