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Tsunami Response Report No. 35
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 17 to 23 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 20 May 2005 reports the latest human toll at: 176,459 dead, 49,869 missing, 1,723,543 displaced and 507,496 homeless.
2. Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Kim Hak Su, urged contributing nations and international aid donors to deliver promised tsunami aid. So far, \$2.5 billion has been paid up of the \$6.7 billion that were originally pledged. "Reconstruction costs for the region are set to reach up to \$13 billion over the next five years, but, so far, donor commitments have been falling short," Kim said, as quoted by Voice of America and Bangkok Post.
3. The United Nations Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery Bill Clinton met Tuesday, May 17, 2005, with top officials from the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) – an umbrella group of 13 relief agencies in the United Kingdom – to discuss how plans are now being drawn up to boost spending as the long-term impacts and local challenges of the devastating Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami become clearer.

DEC chief Brenden Gromley said the group was allocating a further 40 million pounds sterling to its member agencies working in the field, over and above the 112 million pounds it had allocated for the emergency work from the 350 million pounds raised by its emergency appeal from the British public. This is in response to the relief agencies' expanded plans to rebuild housing, schools and clinics and other long-term reconstruction work over the next six months.

4. The United States will be devoting \$907 million to tsunami reconstruction efforts in South and Southeast Asia, with funds going to rebuild critical infrastructure, support local businesses and help establish a tsunami early warning system, according to U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka Jeffrey Lunstead. A portion of the funds will go to repay expenses that have already been incurred. The remaining \$656 million will be divided among the affected countries of the region. Lunstead said that reconstruction funds are also coming from the relief foundation created by former Presidents Bush and Clinton.
5. Based on the attached project list (as of 23 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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6. FAO is working with local authorities and NGOs to restore disrupted local productive capacity in agriculture and fisheries through emergency provision of inputs, technical advice and training. For the agriculture sector, procurement has been carried out for inputs targeting 8,700 beneficiary households for the current planting season. FAO will cover both the east and west coasts of the

Nagroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD), including the districts of Ace Besar, Aceh Jaya, Aceh Barat, Naga Raya, Simeulue, Aceh Barat Daya on the west and the districts of Pidie, Bireuen, Aceh Utara, Aceh Timur on the east.

Beneficiaries will receive agricultural input packages consisting of 20kg of certified rice seed, 75 kg of urea fertilizer, 50 kg of SPfertilizer and 25 Kg of Kcl fertilizer, sufficient to cultivate 5,000 sq.m of paddy each. Additionally, 545 hand tractors and 100 threshers will be provided to farmer groups for rice farming activities. The total value of these inputs is about US\$1.23 million.

7. In the fisheries sector, procurement for 373 inboard boat engines, 25 different items of fishing gear (including hooks, handlines, etc.) and 2,114 multi-filament fishing nets amounting to about US\$500,000 is ongoing. These are planned for distribution to beneficiaries between May and June 2005. In addition to these relief inputs, FAO is also seeking cooperation with NGO partners in boat repair and fish processing activities upon which the fishers depend for their livelihoods.
8. The Government of Indonesia announced that it will lift the state of civil emergency on May 18. The return to normal civilian order will help create a more conducive atmosphere to advance Aceh's rehabilitation and reconstruction.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:

9. ***School Rehabilitation Project:***

Internal planning workshop has taken place and shift to new office almost completed; Selection of contractors is ongoing for re-construction of 5 schools in Meulaboh and construction soon to take off; Coordination of UN / NGO activities shifted to be run by the local education department.

10. ***USDA Livelihood Project:***

The project has decided to work in Teunom and has opened a field office there. They have made agreement with a local NGO and will concentrate on the following interventions: Shelter/NFI, Water and Sanitation, and smaller community projects (e.g.infrastructure).

11. ***Relief Projects:***

Education

Completed the "cleaning" , minor repairs, and painting of 40 schools using IDPs in a cash for work program, these schools are all operational now. ADRA has made a major distribution to 216 schools of pooled education furniture and materials from NGOs working within the education sector, among other 36,000 schoolbags with contents. Supplied 99 school tents and 17 teacher tents for temporary classrooms with destroyed schools. Distributed 120 family tents.

Health

ADRA was active with supporting 2 medical teams on the island of Nias after the huge earthquake in April; Still paying for various treatments of victims in Medan Hospitals; Also still sourcing hospital equipment and supplies for hospitals in Meulaboh and Medan.

12. Others: Donors and consultants are assisting in planning and new projects are being developed.

SRI LANKA

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13. Almost five months after the Dec. 26 tsunami, the World Food Program is feeding 910,000 people and will continue to do so until the end of June, WFP Regional Director for Asia Anthony Banbury said on Wednesday, May 18, 2005. The agency initially began feeding 750,000 Sri Lankan victims and had expected to begin targeting assistance to only the most vulnerable by April. However, the government identified additional victims of the disaster since the initial projections and has asked the WFP to continue general food distributions until the end of June. The WFP will begin a more targeted approach from July onwards aimed at helping people begin the slow process of rebuilding their lives and communities without creating a dependency on food aid. The U.N. food agency had delivered 50,000 tons of food aid so far in Sri Lanka, with 40 trucks loaded with up to 400 tons of food leaving

Colombo every day.

14. The Sri Lankan government said on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, that international donors have now pledged \$3 billion in aid and debt relief to help them rebuild after December's tsunami – twice what the government says it needs. Fresh aid commitments from Japan and China helped boost the previous tally of \$2.2 billion in aid and \$300 million in Paris Club debt relief.

Finance Minister Sarath Amunugama told a news conference that the government has received assurances that up to \$3 billion will be made available for the reconstruction phase. The estimated cost to rebuild towns, schools, and other infrastructure destroyed by the tsunami is around \$1.5 billion to \$1.6 billion. However this aid will only be made available if the tsunami-hit nation pursues its peace process with the Tamil Tiger rebels.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA

15. No updates.

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16. The Dalit community in the village of Thenapattinam in Nagapattinam district has developed livestock commerce as an alternative source of income under a USAID program. Previously, the community depended on agricultural labor for income. However, as a result of the tsunami, heavy sand deposits left the land unsuitable for farming.

With help from local NGO Sevai, women's groups have been formed and a revolving fund has been created to finance livestock activities. Eighteen members have received two cows each, and five members have received ten goats each. Each member has also been given a small grant to cover shed, fodder, vaccination and insurance costs. In order to sustain the fund, the group has decided that 70% of the cost of the animal will be a grant and 30% will be a loan. The women have already started selling milk from their cows to the local cooperative, providing much needed income, as well as a source of pride for the women.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:

17. No updates.

THAILAND

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18. UNDP is working in close partnership with the Royal Thai Government, NGOs and select UN agencies to provide affected communities, and the indigenous communities such as Sea Gypsies, with the means to recover self-sufficiency in a manner that is environmentally sustainable. Community-managed micro-finance programs that complemented government compensation schemes have been initiated to repair productive assets and to develop alternative livelihoods. Thousands of fishing boats and other equipment is being repaired or replaced. Communities will be empowered to participate in long-term community livelihood plans that include strong environmental and traditional emphasis and training, where appropriate.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:

Kamala School Project

19. Signed the Memorandum of Understanding with District Authority.

Community Recovery and Development Program

20. ***Household Recovery:*** Continuing the building of boats in collaboration with ARC; Provided student support in Tablamu village for students who lost a parent in the tsunami; Distributed household recovery grants to one village of 40 families

21. **Community Recovery:** Continuing of spring protection construction; Conducted a handover of one of the water systems in Ao Koie, Kuraburi; Preparation for 1 gravity fed water system; Providing water to 115 households at a temporary shelter; Cleared a 5-kilometer stripe for the laying of pipe for a new water project; Assessing possible projects.

22. **Health:** Ongoing visits to affected locations.

Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Project

23. Identifying locations for drilling.

Others: Unlisted Projects

24. Facilitated the donation of scholarships to 168 students affected by the tsunami and school furniture with donations coming from schools in Bangkok and a University in the U.S.

COORDINATION:

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

26. 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.

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

28. 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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