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**Tsunami Response Report No. 36**  
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 24 to 30 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. Jan Egeland, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator, announced the launch of a new website to track funds pledged to the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster. It would contain updated information on all tsunami-related pledges received and dispersed. He said he hoped that similar internet-based real-time reporting would also be used to account for the large sums expected to be received for recovery and development efforts. He further said that those who contributed should be able to know how, when and where the money was spent.
3. Countries hit by last December's devastating tsunami will take at least 5 to 10 years to recover with the help of international aid, United Nations agencies said on Monday, May 23, 2005.

Technical experts underlined that recovery efforts need to tackle problems with poverty, conflicts or land disputes that existed before the tsunami struck, on top of reconstruction.

Other challenges include coordination of all the actors involved, the financial transparency in using the billions of dollars in aid pledges that have been made in areas that were sometimes blighted by corruption.

4. A Disaster-relief Human Resource Training Class for tsunami-hit countries opened Monday, May 23, 2005, in Beijing. This week-long activity is sponsored by the Chinese government and provides training for over 30 disaster management personnel from 11 countries including Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

The training courses mainly focus on pre-disaster management, prevention, and post-disaster reconstruction work. Chinese professors will also give lectures during the training. Students are also scheduled to learn about reconstruction efforts by visiting Chinese cities once hit by disasters.

5. The EU on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 approved detailed plans for 323 million euros of its 350 million euro post-tsunami reconstruction program, which will be delivered over the coming two years. Twelve million euros has been immediately released under the Rapid Reaction Mechanism (RRM) to kick-start this long-term reconstruction work. This builds on the Commission's 123 million euros humanitarian aid that started flowing days after the disaster struck.

This marks the second part of the Commission's aid response announced by President Barroso in January at the Jakarta donors' conference. The first phase saw 123 million euros of humanitarian assistance. This reconstruction phase includes the Tsunami Indicative Program that totals 323 million euros spread over 2 years. The remaining 27 million euros comes under regional and RRM funds.

The Commission will focus on repairing housing and social amenities, restarting livelihoods so that individuals and families can get back to leading their own lives and repairing larger infrastructures, such as roads.

6. Based on the attached project list (as of 30 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).

## **INDONESIA**

### *Situation Report*

7. Indonesia will receive US\$400 million in U.S. aid, nearly half of the total tsunami relief pledged by the U.S. government, according to a joint statement issued after President George W. Bush met with Indonesia's president on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. The United States has promised a total of US\$857 million for tsunami-related aid to help countries hit by the giant waves in December.
8. Indonesia hopes to have an early warning system able to issue tsunami alerts within five minutes on quake-prone Sumatra by the end of next year, and an integrated network covering the country by 2010, a senior official said. Wendy Aritenang, a deputy minister at the Research and Technology Department who is overseeing development of the system said that initial equipment costs had been put at US\$120 million under a detailed plan for the project. Germany has signed an agreement to help while Japan and China are also expected to provide aid.

Documents covering the five-year plan call for upgraded equipment for measuring quakes and detecting tsunamis, with analysis of the information before it is sent out to communities via text messages and other means.

### **ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:**

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

Substantial repair and re-construction is ongoing in 6 schools; Contractors for total reconstruction of 4 schools have been selected, currently waiting for bank-guarantee to be obtained before signature of final contracts; Negotiation and coordination with Education Department and Local Government is ongoing for final allocation of schools for ADRA improvement. So far 37 schools have been allocated; SRP is still looking for a Training Manager in order to get the Teacher Training part of the project made active.

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

Assessment is still ongoing before activities can begin; Plan needs to be written; Monthly report for May is in progress; The interventions will be shelter and Non Food Items, Water and Sanitation, and smaller Community Projects (infrastructure); Purchase of motorbikes, generator, etc. has been made and the goods shipped; The area is a rebel "hot-spot", probably the reason for no substantial intervention from other NGOs, also the logistic challenges remain a concern.

#### 11. ***Relief Projects:***

##### Education

Four replacement school tents were procured and shipped (not the frame), for replacement of those too much damaged during a recent heavy storm; After distribution of 36.000 school bags, we were made aware of schools not in the list from Education department. ADRA further supplied 4,300 bags with contents for elementary and secondary students and 2.500 bags for kindergarten this week. All bags were printed with the ADRA logo; Procurement and shipment of sets of sports equipment for the schools were a major activity for the logistic department in Medan.

##### Health

Procurement, shipment and distribution of more medical supplies to Meulaboh hospital done during the past week

## 12. *New Initiatives:*

ADRA Spain is offering funds for water purification, tanks and distribution system to the Tsunami affected or earthquake affected areas. Needs assessment and expert assistance is being sought before proposal writing can take place; Application and budget prepared for ADRA Netherlands for additional funding to be included into the ongoing two-year School Rehabilitation Project.

### **SRI LANKA**

#### *Situation Report*

13. Aid money given to rebuild Sri Lanka after December's devastating tsunami is getting held up on the ground, to the frustration of governments and donors, World Bank Vice President Praful Patel said in an interview on Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

There is impatience about the pace at which things are moving. Post-tsunami rebuilding in general had been too slow and frustration was growing among displaced people. Hitches included a government ban on building close to the shoreline, intended as a safety precaution. Patel said most pledges from international donors had been converted into real commitments, so funding was not the issue.

### **ADRA'S RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA**

#### 14. **Emergency Youth Project**

This project is to provide 200 households in transitional shelter facilities with personal hygiene items and school material items; An assessment took place regarding the households to determine which items were need the most; Quotations have now been collected for this items. The next stage will be to purchase and distribute the items.

#### 15. **Tangalle Livelihoods Recover Project**

One thousand beneficiaries have been identified; All beneficiaries have been interviewed and have made their selections regarding which livelihood program to follow; Livestock has now been allocated; Purchasing and distribution will follow.

#### 16. **Ampara Emergency Dental Project**

Office space and housing has been located for the staff; A local dentist has now been hired; In the process of purchasing dental equipment and supplies.

### **INDIA**

#### *Situation Report*

17. The Nicobarese, India's tribes people from Car Nicobar have not come out of their shock and trauma from the tsunami of December. People are scared by the sound of the waves at night and have started drinking too much said Samuel Stephen, a 35 year old government worker from the flattened village of Mus on the northern tip of Car Nicobar. The Nicobarese fled inland to escape tsunami and that is where they remain today, in government-built shelters. They used to fish but now, five months on, scarcely a boat has returned to the sea.

The government gave about 15,000 rupees (\$350) compensation to tribes people who lost their homes and is slowly handing out up to 200,000 rupees each to widows and orphans and 4,000 for every 175 coconut trees lost to the waves.

### **ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:**

18. No updates.

### **THAILAND**

#### *Situation Report*

19. Most actors are now focusing on the transition from emergency response and relief to long-term

recovery and rehabilitation. It has emerged that livelihood rehabilitation and donor coordination are probably the most important factors in Thailand's road to recovery. The government and the humanitarian community is focusing on four interconnected key sectors: social protection, livelihood recovery, environmental rehabilitation and disaster preparedness.

In terms of social protection, UNICEF has stressed the need for counseling for adults looking after children, who may not be their own, e.g. host families, grandparents, etc. The agency has also been meeting youth groups and religious leaders in the affected provinces to see how these groups can help. The WHO conference on "health aspects of the Asian tsunami" held in Phuket in early May, 2005 highlighted several key issues: more women than men were killed in the tsunami, leaving children more vulnerable to exploitation; that psycho-social counseling is essential for adolescent boys, who are a high suicide risk group and men, who are more likely to abuse alcohol to relieve stress.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:**

**Kamala School Project**

20. No new information..

**Community Recovery and Development Program**

21. **Household Recovery:** Continuing the building of boats in collaboration with ARC; Assessing 2 other villages for household recovery grant; Distributed recovery grants to 2 villages (total of 162 families); Discussed Revolving Loan program with one village in preparation for begin process to provide loans for business activities.

22. **Community Recovery:** Continuing of spring protection construction; Continuation of spring protection construction; Continuation of construction of a playground; Began work on a water system in one village; Providing water to 138 households at 2 temporary shelters.

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

**Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Project**

24. Identifying locations for drilling.

**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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