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TSUNAMI RESPONSE
CO-ORDINATION OFFICE**Tsunami Response Report No. 37**
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 31 May to 06 June, 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. New World Bank president Paul Wolfowitz urged the international community on Friday, June 3, 2005, to deliver on the outpouring of aid pledged for tsunami victims. The World Bank is one of the lead agencies in the rebuilding of tsunami-devastated areas and ensuring that the billions in dollars in aid is not wasted on corruption. Governments and victims have complained that the tsunami recovery effort and disbursement of \$9 billion in private and official aid to rebuild is moving too slowly. The process was also complicated by civil wars in Sri Lanka and Indonesia.
3. Based on the attached project list (as of 6 June 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. Kuntoro Munkusubroto, newly appointed head of Aceh Rehabilitation and Reconstruction agency is trying to enforce touch anti-corruption provisions in the disbursement of billions of dollars in aid, pressing Indonesian politicians to follow through on the country's own funding pledges and trying to coordinate dozens of foreign and domestic government agencies and NGOs involved in the rebuilding effort. The latter goal is where he sees his most important accomplishment in his first month in office. Better coordination would speed up concrete achievements. He forecasts visible evidence would come by end of June in the form of nearly 2,000 houses under construction.
5. Refugees International reported on June 2, 2005 that the greatest need of the survivors are shelter and a means of earning a living. According to the Indonesian government, the number of persons displaced by the tsunami has actually risen from 580,000 in March to 595,000 today. Most of the displaced are living with relatives or host families, an arrangement that is growing less and less comfortable as time goes on and families desire their own housing.

The second crucial element in restoring normalcy to tsunami survivors is getting them back to work. A recent study by the International Organization for Migration reported that only four percent of the people had received assistance to help them earn a living. The great majority of the people of Aceh were formerly fishermen, farmers, or small merchants. While many merchants are rebuilding or repairing their shops through informal credit mechanisms and fishing boats are being built in many small shops, little is being done to help farmers replant their lands.

The psychological impact on the society of Aceh by the death of so many people in seaside communities was immense, but a first step in the healing process is returning control over their lives

to the survivors. The Indonesian government and the aid community should move forward urgently to provide people in Aceh what they so desperately want and need: a place to live and a livelihood.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:

6. No updates.

SRI LANKA

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7. Tsunami survivors in Ampara may soon be living in homes built from the rubble of their previous houses under the radical new recycling scheme run by Lanka Environmental Recyclers Institute and World Vision. The environmentally friendly concept, in which rubble is crushed to make dust for bricks and shingle for foundation is the brainchild of the Institute's chairman, Dr. Ajantha Perera. The plan also includes chipping and composting organic debris littering tsunami struck beaches and lagoons. While this concept will not be trialed for another two weeks, Dr Perera said she truly believes it will be a success. In fact, she thinks it will be so effective that the Institute and World Vision will, before long, be extending the project further along the coast.

Another practical reason why this project has a good chance of succeeding is that many of the houses destroyed in Ampara were middle-class homes of a good quality, so the rubble left is good enough quality for recycling.

8. A spree of killings in Sri Lanka's restive east and flaring ethnic tensions are hindering tsunami relief efforts, a group of nearly 100 aid agencies said last Friday, June 3, 2005. The Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies said that this is detrimental to the speed and effectiveness of the relief operation, hinders access to affected communities and hampers reconstruction efforts.

A series of strikes and violent protests in the districts of Trincomalee and Batticaloa, where relations are strained between Hindu Tamils, Muslims and Sinhalese Buddhists, have raised worries about the safety of relief agency staff, aid officials said.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA

9. No updates.

INDIA

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10. India offered on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, to set up a disaster warning centre in New Delhi. This offer came as seven South and Southeast Asian countries, meeting in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka, agreed for the first time to cooperate on disaster management. The early warning centre would be able to alert countries in the region to another tsunami or other natural disasters, Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Hemayetuddin told a news briefing.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:

11. No updates.

THAILAND

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Humanitarian efforts are focusing now on long-term recovery and rehabilitation projects. The authorities, UN agencies, and other humanitarian actors are now engaged in helping affected communities restore livelihoods such as in Phuket and Patong. Various projects exist to teach new skills or to develop sources of income. Community-managed micro-finance schemes have also been

initiated in some areas, complementing the Government's compensation schemes. The Thai government recently reported that about THB1.2 billion donated by Thais has been spent in the emergency relief phase and the remaining amount will be used on tsunami recovery projects.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:

Kamala School Project

12. Construction began on childhood center on June 1.

Community Recovery and Development Program

13. **Household Recovery:** Continuing the building of boats in collaboration with ARC; Distributed household recovery grants to 1 village of 197 families.

14. **Community Recovery:** Continuation of spring protection construction; Providing water to 137 households at a temporary shelter; Continuing work on a water system in one village; Assessing possible projects.

15. **Health:** Ongoing visits by medical and psychosocial teams to affected locations; Began searching for location to setup Adventure learning activities.

Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Project

16. Identifying locations for drilling; Drilling Technician and Water Coordinator receiving orientation on new drilling machine in Bangkok

COORDINATION:

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

18. 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.

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

20. 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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