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Tsunami Response Report No. 38
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 07 to 13 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.

U.S. agencies last week offered help and a range of resources to representatives of tsunami-affected and Asia-Pacific nations attending the first session of the weeklong international Asia-Pacific All-Hazards Workshop in Hawaii.

More than 175 people from 18 countries are participating in the workshop sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Trade and Development Agency and held in cooperation with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. The meeting aims to help tsunami-affected nations prepare for natural disasters by developing modern warning systems and response capability.

Ambassador Douglas Hartwick, senior coordinator of the Tsunami Reconstruction Task Force at the U.S. State Department said that \$16.6 million of the total \$857 million appropriated by the US Congress for relief and reconstruction activities, would be devoted to tsunami early warning and disaster response capability.

2. Following his latest trip to the tsunami affected region, former U.S. President Bill Clinton said he was committed to speeding up the ongoing recovery effort. In each country he met with all concerned parties to assess the current status of the recovery effort. Immediately following his return to New York, he convened a meeting at the UN to improve coordination among several key players in the reconstruction effort including the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, the International Federation of the Red Cross, InterAction, UN agencies and representatives of the affected countries. The participants took stock of progress made almost 6 months after the disaster, recommitted themselves to a more coordinated approach and agreed to establish a common financial tracking system.
3. Based on the attached project list (as of 13 June 2005), the total budget for proposed projects in all four tsunami-affected countries (Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand) is approximately US\$28.9 mil, US\$9.2 mil of which are yet to be funded (either negotiating for funding or looking for donors).

INDONESIA

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4. The UNDP last week doubled the size of its Tsunami Waste Management Program, following the success of the pilot last month.

Under this program, UNDP and its local government partners collect the waste dumped by the tsunami in Banda Aceh and sort it into materials which can be used, such as wood, rubble, and organic

matter. The tsunami left behind a quantity of waste equivalent to that generated by the city over 20 years, but some 70% of it is recyclable.

Working in partnership with the Banda Aceh Municipality Sanitation department, the UNDP team has so far collected over 90,000 cubic meters of waste, from paddy fields and other areas, which are urgently needed by local communities. The waste is then taken to the Kampung Jawa municipal dump, where another team of Cash-for-Work employees carefully removes all material that can be reused.

The project initially employed 250 people under the UNDP's Cash-for-Work scheme, which pays tsunami survivors 30,000 RP (3 USD) per day to do work such as rubble clearing.

Under this expansion, a further 250 will be employed and additional 43 trucks and other items of heavy equipment brought in.

5. Now that the emergency measures have met immediate humanitarian needs in Aceh, the most pressing need is reconstructing homes for tsunami survivors.

According to the Indonesian government, an estimated 590,000 survivors are living in temporary shelters. Government planners are now at work amplifying reconstruction plans but waiting for the planners could take years.

Other industries also bear a look to see if they can quickly be rebuilt. Ice is essential if fishermen are to maximize the value of their catch, but the tsunami swept away the large ice plant in the main town of Meulaboh and two smaller ones nearby. Fishing, along with agriculture, is the occupation of the majority of the people of Aceh.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA

6. School Rehabilitation Project

Substantial repair and reconstruction is ongoing in 6 schools; Contractors for total reconstruction of 4 schools have been selected, contracts signed, and construction work is in progress; 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 and MOUs signed by the Education Department; Still looking for a Training Manager for Teacher Training (part of this project).

7. USDA Livelihood Project

Extended assessments of needs completed, data compiled, identified beneficiaries and activities; Needs are for shelter materials, non-food items for households, schools clean-up using IDP teams, and educational equipment and materials; Water and sanitation for schools not fully assessed but clean-up is needed and eventual relocation of schools must take place before WATSAN activities can be implemented; Lists have been compiled for obtaining price quotations for household items.

8. Relief Projects:

Medical: Attended meetings with provincial Health Departments in Aceh and North Sumatra for reporting of past activities and learning about unfilled needs. In both districts, WHO has made assessments (report still in draft format). WHO is currently running a crash program against measles for more than 3 million children and they have been appealing for vaccine and soloshots. ADRA has procured and handed over vaccine enough to immunize 55,000 children.

Education: Shipment and distribution of sports equipment to 211 schools and 1 training center; Procurement and distribution of 55 sets of teaching aid for kindergartens.

9. **New Initiatives**

ADRA Spain is offering funds for water purification, i.e., tanks and distribution system, to the tsunami affected or earthquake affected areas. Location site has been chosen on Nias and water engineer is making proposal and plans for supplies.

SRI LANKA

Situation Report

10. The Tamil Tiger rebels warned on Tuesday, June 5 that Sri Lanka's government is dragging its feet over plans to share \$3 billion tsunami aid with Tamil areas and risks plunging the island into a dangerous situation.

President Chandrika Kumaratunga's government sought to convince the Marxist People's Liberation Front (JVP), who is virulently opposed to the rebels, not to follow through on a threat to quit the government coalition over the planned aid-sharing pact. Should the JVP defect, the government would lose its slim majority in parliament and consequently the pushing forward of the aid-sharing pact.

Both the United States and the Indian governments support the aid-sharing.

11. With post-tsunami housing reconstruction moving slowly, psychological and social programs have become extremely important for communities living in tents and transitional shelters. More than 11,000 affected children, teens, and adults have benefited from such programs supported by USAID.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA

12. No updates.

INDIA

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13. The Indian government has unveiled a comprehensive plan for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Tsunami affected states/UTs, with a financial outlay of Rs.9870.25 crore. The plan seeks to put in place a level of infrastructure and services on the affected areas of a level which would be far higher than that destroyed by the tsunami. The rehab and reconstruction plan outlay includes Rs4,084.79 crore for Tamil Nadu; Rs. 1,470.46 crore for Kerala; Rs138.11 crore for Andhra Pradesh; RS 487.44 crore for Pondicherry; Rs.2,614.22 crore for Andaman & Nicobar Islands; and Rs.775.23 crore for the Shipping sector.

Sector wise, housing and internal infrastructure, water and power distribution, roads and sewerage is a priority with the outlay being 34% of the total.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:

14. No updates.

THAILAND

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15. One major constraint in transporting injured people to hospitals and healthcare centers was the long distances that had to be covered to reach medical attention.

The Finnish Red Cross has addressed the crucial issue by providing the local health authorities with 9 new ambulances.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:

Kamala School Project

16. Construction ongoing.

Community Recovery and Development Program

17. **Household Recovery:** Continuing the building of boats in collaboration with ARC; Developed Community Assessment Tool for long-term collaboration assessment; Assessing possible projects.

18. **Community Recovery:** Continuation of spring protection construction; Providing water to 115 households at a temporary shelter; Conducted training of Water Committee in one village; Assessing possible projects.

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

Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Project

20. Received drilling rig from manufacturer and drilled on test borehole.

COORDINATION:

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

22. 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.

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

24. 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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