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TSUNAMI RESPONSE
CO-ORDINATION OFFICE**Tsunami Response Report No. 24**
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 21 February to 28 February, and is based on information provided by ADRA country offices in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand. Additional information and statistics is received from media reports, the UN, WHO, IFRC and other NGO reports.

SITUATION IN BRIEF:

1. The global death toll from the Asian tsunami has risen to 286,000.
2. The Red Cross is reporting the latest human toll at: over 2.4 million affected, with 286,000 dead and more than 7,800 missing.
3. Coordination of the relief effort is a growing problem in Sri Lanka.
4. Finding suitable relocation sites continues to be an issue and is delaying the provision of more permanent health services.
5. In Sri Lanka it is reported that pressure is being put on displaced families to move out of schools and churches before the transit centers have been completed. Some IDPs have moved out of the temporary camps and are now living in tents without adequate services.

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6. The USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) reports that USAID/OFDA cash-for-work programs are operational across Aceh and are focused on supporting residents of camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs). Workers are transported back to their home areas to clear debris so that populations can eventually return home and people can participate in rehabilitating their own communities.
7. Five new cases of dengue fever have been reported in Lhokseumawe and Aceh Utara, and are being investigated by the public health officials.
8. In Meulobah, WHO reports that nosocomial infection control (hospital infections) is highly unsatisfactory. For example, no medical waste management system is in place, and patients with malaria, active tuberculosis, suspected typhoid, and bloody diarrhea are all housed in the same small room.
9. On February 22, the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) reported that they had evacuated most of the bodies from the tsunami and earthquake.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:

10. ADRA Indonesia just received approval from USDA for its Emergency Shelter, NFI and School Water Sanitation project. The initiative will encourage mutual assistance in the building process of homes for IDPs attempting to return home. The project's target population is about 5,500 beneficiaries.

Medan Office

11. ADRA Medan continues to serve as a coordinator and support with procurement for the Meuloboh operation
12. ADRA Medan continues to attend NGO and Government meetings on an "every other day bases" alongside ensuring visa and documentation for Foreigners and National staff.

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13. While identification of relocation sites, and construction of temporary shelters, are well under way in some districts, the situation remains confused in other districts.
14. In several districts, no information is available, nor is there consultation with displaced families about their relocation options.
15. There is pressure on families to move prematurely, and delays in identifying land and building temporary shelters.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA:

16. Via a partnership with Swiss Solidarity, ADRA has installed three water tanks, have been installed as part of the ongoing Hambantota Water Assistance Program. The total number of beneficiaries is 30 families or approximately 150 persons.
17. ADRA and DFID are initiating a livelihoods rehabilitation project in Tangalle District. This will start on the 1st March and will for 6 months provide: animals and agricultural training and animal husbandry training to 1,000 households who have lost their livelihoods and their homes in the tsunami.

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18. A mass health education campaign has been conducted in Little Andaman to encourage the use of pit latrines and promote good personal hygiene.
19. WHO and the Government of India are strengthening the disease surveillance system in the Andaman and Nicobar islands. Larval control measures have been taken in Little Andaman. A medical surveillance team visited Onge camp in Little Andaman.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:

Andaman and Nicobar Islands

20. ADRA India received approval for its Little Andaman Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Initiative (TRRI-HUT) Project. Through a partnership with ADRA Japan, the initiative will provide 500 intermediate shelter units; 3 pre-fabricated sub-centers; 3 rain water harvesting systems installed along the constructed at the sub-health center sites; 10 sanitary open wells constructed with proper covering.

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21. According to WHO, the Government of Thailand Health Department officials have identified 10,000 tsunami victims with symptoms of mental-health disorders in the six southern provinces of Phuket, Phang Nga, Satun, Ranong, Trang, and Krabi.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:

22. No updates.

COORDINATION:

23. All contacts should be addressed to the relevant person as detailed below. Please copy all contacts below for correspondence regarding funding availability.
24. 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.
25. The coordinating office is in regular contact with all the implementation offices and will revert with further information as it becomes available.
26. Information on the response will also be available on the ADRA International website at <http://www.adra.org>.

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