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TSUNAMI RESPONSE
CO-ORDINATION OFFICE**Tsunami Response Report No. 25**
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 28 February to 7 March, 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 remains at 286,000.
2. The Red Cross is reporting the latest human toll at: more than 2.4 million affected, with 286,000 dead and more than 7,800 missing.

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3. Deaths & Buried: 121,911
Missing: 113, 937
IDPs (18 districts): 399, 959
Source: WHO

As many bodies were not identified before burial, it is possible that there is some double counting between the "missing" and the "deaths and buried." The IDP counting continues to be difficult due to the mobility of the population.

4. Three local government offices in Banda Aceh have re-opened. Local government staff and surviving community members worked together to clean-up and renovate the space.
5. Several NGOs have embarked on cash-for-work schemes that have provided community members income and an opportunity to help rebuild their community.
6. Local officials are back at work, issuing temporary ID cards, business permits and inheritance certificates – all critical to restoring normal life in these hard-hit communities.
7. The Government of Indonesia has remained firm on its original deadlines for relief efforts in the country. Around January 16, a three-tiered deadline was set: NGOs had until 26 January for emergency relief; 26 February for rehabilitation; and 26 March for development.

On 24 February the Indonesian government introduced a new ID registration card for foreign NGO workers. At this point NGO's working outside Banda Aceh do not have these ID cards. Subsequently, ADRA Indonesia workers also do not have these ID cards because they are working in the Meulaboh and Medan areas.

This new NGO ID card expires on 26 March – this has been – but should not be – confused with a deadline for NGOs to depart. No *departure date* has been announced at UN meetings, or at meetings with the National Liaison Command Post (Posko).

At present, 14 day extensions are given on any existing visa. A newly established procedure is for NGOs to obtain preliminary paperwork for visa extensions via OCHA. A positive development is that these extensions can now be given without expatriates having to leave the country.

The leadership in Indonesia is confident that ADRA Indonesia will be allowed continued operations in the country. Meetings with key government officials will take place this week to ensure that the current projects are implemented and completed.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:

8. ADRA Indonesia, via a partnership with ADRA Germany, is planning a disaster preparedness plan for ADRA

Indonesia to respond to a future disaster in Sumatra through the Medan Adventist Hospital. About 50,000 Sumatra residents would be the beneficiaries of this project.

9. ADRA 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.

SRI LANKA

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10. Deaths & Buried: 31,147
Missing: 4,115
IDPs (13 districts): 546,509
Source: WHO
11. The WHO water and sanitation specialist visited Galle and discussed the necessary water and sanitation activities with the government and other agencies. The expressed needs include cleaning drains, garbage disposal, water quality and capacity strengthening at the local level.
12. Tourist workers are in need of a source of income. More than 100 hotels sustained significant damage, and thousands of tourism-dependent employees are out of work. While the hotels are likely to reopen before the end of 2005, local staff is in need of a more immediate source of income.
13. Following the tsunami, the population of Pottuvil and Thirukkivil (about 80,000 IDPs) don't have dental care. The single surgeon covering the two areas can only see from five to 10 people per day because of the lack of medical consumables and equipment.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA:

14. ADRA Sri Lanka has proposed a two-phase dental project to meet the needs of the 80,000 IDPs in the Pottuvil and Thirukkivil areas. A fully-equipped mobile dental unit will be deployed to the designated project areas and will provide a range of preventative and curative dental interventions for the target population.
 - The second phase of the project will provide dental care for a 12-month period in the Pottuvil and Thirukkivil areas. ADRA plans to provide additional services such as dental health education, emergency, curative and preventative dental care.

INDIA

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15. Deaths & Buried: 10,872
Missing: 5,764
IDPs (41 districts/islands): 647,556
Source: WHO
16. The National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, has established a comprehensive network for epidemiological surveillance in the Andaman and Nicobar islands.
17. Halogen tablets have been distributed at every point of care, relief camps and villages in the Andaman and Nicobar islands to ensure safe drinking water.
18. Eleven additional doctors are now working in the Andaman and Nicobar islands. Laboratory facilities have been set up at Car Nicobar for bacteriological examination of drinking water.
19. One-third of the residents of Tirumallivasal, a village of 10,000, fish in salt and fresh water for their living. However, their boats and equipment were destroyed by the tsunami, ruining their livelihoods and the markets that depend on them. Reviving the local economy requires getting the fishermen back to the sea.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:

20. *No updates.*

THAILAND*Situation Report*

21. Deaths & Buried: 5,395
 Missing: 2,991
 IDPs (6 districts/islands): None reported as of now.
 Source: WHO

22. In addition to restarting their businesses and lives, Thailand's coastal villagers face the daunting task of rebuilding their communities.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:

23. *No updates.*

COORDINATION:

24. All contacts should be addressed to the relevant person as detailed below. Please copy all contacts below for correspondence regarding funding availability.
25. 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.
26. The coordinating office is in regular contact with all the implementation offices and will revert with further information as it becomes available.
27. 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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