

14 March 2005

TSUNAMI RESPONSE  
CO-ORDINATION OFFICE**Tsunami Response Report No. 26**  
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 7 March to 14 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 Red Cross reports 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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2. Internally displaced persons (IDPs) continue to move from camp to camp in some areas of Indonesia which makes it difficult to calculate numbers in each camp for distribution purposes. It is hoped that ration cards will reduce the problem.
3. In response to last week's reports of evacuees in Medan wishing to return to their places of origin in Aceh, the Ministry of Social Affairs (supported by OCHA and some NGOs) will be organizing eight teams of social workers to interview and register those wanting to go back.
4. Communication: OCHA has identified the need to increase the flow of information to beneficiaries regarding the activities of the humanitarian community and support available.
5. About 1.8 million people have been affected by job losses. It is projected that the unemployment rate could rise temporarily from 6.8% to 30% or higher.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:**

6. ADRA Indonesia (Medan) is focusing its operations on the Aceh Barat, Aceh Besa and Nagan Raya districts on the South Coast of Sumatra. Its efforts will be on the rehabilitation of the Educational Sector, Livelihoods and the final stages of relief activities funded by DANIDA, ADRA Denmark and ADRA New Zealand.
7. The main project office is in the town of Meulaboh (MLB); the administrative and finance offices are in Medan (MDN). MLB is about 1 hour and 10 minute flight from Medan and can (as for now) only be reached by plane.
8. Broadband internet access and wireless network in the Medan office is up and running.
9. Two water purifying units have arrived in Medan and are cleared through customs. The units are part of the Disaster Preparedness Project, a cooperative between ADRA Indonesia and the Medan Adventist Hospital. The project is funded by ADRA Germany.
10. Adraindonesia.org has been secured as a domain and e-mail addresses for all administrative staff are assigned.
11. Two of four new Mitsubishi 4WD Pick Up trucks for the School Rehab Program will be delivered Monday, March 14.

*Security*

12. No major incidents have been reported. ADRA, like all NGOs, must be accompanied by the TNI (Indonesian Military) when leaving Meulaboh. UN Security level remains at Level 4 – Level 5 being the highest and meaning an evacuation.

## **SRI LANKA**

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13. Issues are arising around the cost and availability of reconstruction materials and other equipment in Sri Lanka. The price of items on the local market has increased considerably in recent weeks.
14. A criterion has been established to identify suitable uses of tents. The categories are: people still living under plastic sheeting; people living in substandard tents, such as igloo tents, who should have them replaced; people who wish to leave temporary accommodation centres and return to their own land outside the buffer zone; people living with friends and relatives who need more living space on a site/at a house which already has water and sanitation facilities; and administrative use, such as a temporary government office where facilities were damaged or destroyed by the tsunami.
15. The Rapid Livelihood Household Survey conducted jointly by ILO and WFP indicates that 80 percent of the tsunami-affected households lost their main source of income, and 90 percent of those households that had productive assets saw them destroyed or damaged.

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

#### *Galle District*

16. On 10 March, 50 tents were distributed in the Balapitiya area; two mattresses were distributed with each tent.
17. In Ambalangoda, 46 tents were distributed; two mattresses were distributed with each tent.

#### *Hambantota District*

18. An additional 500 tanks have been ordered because of savings in the manufacturing of the water tanks. About 1,500 water tanks will be provided to beneficiaries. This will be the water source for about 15,000 families in the Hambantota District.
19. ADRA is currently working in the biggest district, Kudawella, where, from 100 to 200 families are receiving pure drinking water

## **INDIA**

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20. The National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, has established a comprehensive network for epidemiological surveillance in the Andaman and Nicobar islands.
21. 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.
22. 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:**

23. ADRA India has received government approval to work in the Nicobar Islands.

## **THAILAND**

### *Situation Report*

24. Thailand will have a preliminary early warning system by this April while a complete system will be established by next year.
25. A new survey by the Mental Health Department has found that 1,101 children were made orphans – an increase from the 800 orphans reported last month.
26. Several areas in the southern province of Phang Nga, however, are suffering from a severe water shortage and residents rely on donated bottled water.
27. Fishermen in the six southern coastal provinces devastated by the tsunami have reportedly resumed fishing in an effort to reclaim their livelihoods. Eight boatyards have been built since mid-January in Krabi, Satun and Trang,

with 18 more planned for Phang Nga, Phuket and Ranong.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:**

28. *No updates.*

**COORDINATION:**

29. All contacts should be addressed to the relevant person as detailed below. Please copy all contacts below for correspondence regarding funding availability.
30. 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.
31. The coordinating office is in regular contact with all the implementation offices and will revert with further information as it becomes available.
32. Information on the response from the ADRA partners will also be available on the ADRA Asia web site at <http://www.adraasia.org> and at the ADRA International website at <http://www.adra.org>.

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