

21 March 2005

TSUNAMI RESPONSE  
CO-ORDINATION OFFICE**Tsunami Response Report No. 27**  
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 14 March to 21 March, 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 Red Cross reports the latest human toll at: more than 2.4 million affected; 273,000 dead; 7,200 missing. This toll was released on 18 March 2005 and reflects a decrease of 600 in the missing category; and an increase of 13,000 dead category. In Indonesia and India only, the number of dead includes those listed as missing though this will only be official in Indonesia one year after the disaster's date.
2. More than 150 community leaders and health workers have been trained for mental health interventions and community mental health teams will be stationed in 4 districts in Aceh, Indonesia.
3. Dental hygiene among school children is of concern in Calang, Indonesia, where the only dentist died in the tsunami.
4. A one day workshop provided refresher training on psychosocial approaches to 150 "school advisors" in Sri Lanka.
5. In Sri Lanka the rice current harvest is expected to yield a bumper crop in the tsunami-affected areas.

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6. On 18 March the Indonesian Government announced that the much discussed and controversial March 26 deadline for foreigners having access into Aceh Province has been extended for two months until May 26, 2005.
7. A team of experts from the U.S. General Accounting Office will work with the Government of Indonesia's Supreme Audit Agency Board (BPK) to establish systems to ensure the accountability, transparency, and efficient use of the tsunami reconstruction funds.
8. USAID is working with the Planning & Development Ministry, BAPPENAS, to launch a web-based database of projects and procurement information. This will serve to promote transparency and accountability by facilitating public access to information.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:**

9. ADRA Indonesia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Bahasa language with the Department of Education. In addition, it has signed an agreement as to which schools ADRA will rehabilitate.
10. Over the next week the agency will develop more detailed plans and schedules about the re-construction of schools in Aceh Barat.
11. ADRA Indonesia has finalized the draft for the development of its programmatic master plan. The plan will be publicized in the following days.

*Security*

12. No major incidents have been reported. ADRA, like all NGOs, need to be accompanied by TNI (Indonesian Military) when leaving the city of Meulaboh. UN Security level remains at Level 4, with Level 5 being the

highest and resulting in a possible evacuation.

13. A security consultant will arrive on 15 April. He will assist with a security assessment, guidelines and protocols.

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14. With the rainy season approaching, building transitional shelters for families displaced by the tsunami takes on a new urgency.
15. A newly-enforced buffer zone that prohibits the construction of residential buildings up to 100 meters from the coast in the south and 200 meters in the north and east, and a delay in the designation of government owned land outside the buffer zone for all NGOs in the area.
16. In Sri Lanka, approximately 90% of the tsunami-displaced have also been displaced in the past by the conflict, leaving them particularly vulnerable.
17. In Sri Lanka, the results of a survey to assess the water and sanitation situation in transition camps have been released, and facilities were found to be below national norms in some camps. More water storage facilities, toilets and bathing facilities are needed.

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

18. ADRA Sri Lanka plans to provide transitory latrines in the areas where the Salvation Army will build homes. The government has allocated 244 acres of land on the Galagoda Watha Plantation, near Hikkaduwa.

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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. A permanent housing construction project will begin on 1 April 2005. About 200 houses and toilets will be constructed; and six wells will be installed to provide water and sanitation to the villages.
21. The first shipment of three prefabricated buildings arrived in Campbell Bay. The Indian Coast Guard provided two ships to ship the materials to Campbell Bay from Port Blair last week. The second shipment will be sent on to Campbell Bay this week.
22. The top agenda for the Japan Platform/ADRA Japan Hut Bay project (TRRI-HUT) is to start constructing 500 intermediate shelters for the tsunami victims in Hut Bay. The work of shelter construction started the week of 5 March and will be completed in the next six weeks.

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23. Drought in Thailand is hitting very hard, project areas not excluded.

#### **ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:**

##### *Water*

24. ADRA Thailand completed one (1) water system serving 30 families in tsunami-affected village; one (1) system including 8 meter water tower at a temporary shelter for 90 families; a water storage improvement at a community center; and providing a shipment of water to one temporary shelter community.
25. ADRA is planning to procure another village water system.

*Household/Community Recovery*

26. ADRA has completed the groundwork for a community basketball court; and visited a site and held preliminary discussion with the district office on income generation activities plans for fish raising, vegetable gardening and palm plantations.

*Mobile Health Services*

27. ADRA is finalizing recruitment of staff; and the procurement of vehicles and equipment

**COORDINATION:**

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

29. 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.

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