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TSUNAMI RESPONSE  
CO-ORDINATION OFFICE**Tsunami Response Report No. 28**  
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 21 March to 28 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:**

The Red Cross reports the latest human toll at: more than 273,636 dead, 7,253 missing, 1,590,707 displaced and 507,496 homeless. This toll was reported on 24 March.

1. More than 150 community leaders and health workers have been trained for mental health interventions; community mental health teams will be stationed in 4 districts in Aceh, Indonesia.
2. Dental hygiene among school children is of concern in Calang, Indonesia where the only dentist died in the tsunami.
3. A one-day workshop provided refresher training on psychosocial approaches to 150 "school advisors" in Sri Lanka.

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4. On 18 March tremors were felt in the Aceh region that registered 6.1 on the Richter scale.
5. A build up of stress on geological faults in Sumatra is likely to trigger another large earthquake - and potentially another tsunami - in the Indian Ocean region, seismologists say in a report published in the journal *Nature* on 17 March.
6. Due to regular aftershocks and worldwide media reports regarding another possible earthquake, some NGOs are working on contingency safety evacuation and relocation plans.
7. The Indonesian government has reportedly completed a blueprint for the reconstruction of Aceh, allocating USD \$5 billion for rebuilding the province within the next five years. The plan has yet to be made public.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:**

8. *No updates.*

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9. The latest government figures as of 14 March put the total number of IDPs at 519,063, with 96,646 living in 267 different camps and 422,417 staying with family and friends. In a number of districts, the displaced populations are now moving from temporary shelter to newly constructed transitional shelter. The Sri Lankan government's Transitional Accommodation Project (TAP) has announced that 10,000 of these transitional shelters will be constructed soon in the affected 10 provinces.
10. The government's task force secretary has indicated that IDPs staying in schools, colleges and other temporary residences will be forcibly moved to new accommodation by May.

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

11. *No update.*

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12. 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:**

13. The government of India has granted ADRA India permission to work in the Nicobar Islands.

**Thailand**

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14. Warning towers from Germany will be set up at three points along Phuket's Patong beach free of charge the week of 28 March. They will be ready for use by mid-April and similar siren systems will be set up at 27 more sites in the six tsunami-hit provinces through the government's budget. The national danger alarm centers will receive information from the meteorological, mineral resources, national park, and pollution control departments and other concerned Thai and foreign agencies for analyses by experts. If necessary, the center will be able to *simultaneously* issue warnings through 10 television stations, 530 radio stations, amateur and local radio networks, mobile phone SMS systems, local danger alert centers and hotlines to the government's cabinet.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:**

*Water/Sanitation*

15. 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.
16. Completed one gravity-fed water system serving 63 households on an outlying island.
17. Working on a gravity fed water system serving 50 families; preparing for 2 additional systems.
18. Providing trucked-in water to 115 households at a temporary shelter.

*Household/Community Recovery*

19. 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*

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

*Kamala Kindergarten School*

21. Finalizing on tender of contractors to beginning construction

**COORDINATION:**

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23. 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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