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TSUNAMI RESPONSE  
CO-ORDINATION OFFICE**Tsunami Response Report No. 29**  
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period spanning from 28 March to 4 April, 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 273,636 dead, 7,253 missing, 1,590,707 displaced and 507,496 homeless.

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2. A great earthquake was noted at 23:09:36 hrs, local time at epicenter, on Monday, March 28, 2005. The magnitude was 8.7 on the Richter scale and located in northern Sumatra, Indonesia. The epicenter located 90 km south of Sinabang. About 1,200 are feared dead.
3. Reports from local authorities stated that 70 percent of buildings collapsed in Gunung Sitoli town.
4. Telecommunication facilities are totally destroyed; bridges were also destroyed and land transportation is blocked.
5. The airport is still functioning and small planes can land.
6. The electricity is cut partially.
7. Officials say it will take at least three months to fully restore electricity and water to the earthquake-ravaged Indonesian island of Nias.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN NIAS AND SIMEULUE ISLANDS**

8. The Tsunami Response Office will at this stage not become active on Nias. It has reported its stock and financial capacity to OCHA and has not been called on to respond yet.

*Medical Response*

9. The Medan Adventist Hospital has received four patients from Nias Island and will send two medical teams to the popular surf destination. The teams are receiving money from leftover funds from ADRA New Zealand and DANIDA; and disaster funds from the ADRA network.

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10. In Meulaboh, local authorities are sorting and making an inventory of stock, including foreign donated medicines.
11. A team from the Ministry of Health has conducted training for community leaders and health workers.
12. A proposal to assist the mental hospital to restart their clinical activities is being developed.

13. Due to regular aftershocks and worldwide media reports regarding another possible earthquake, some NGOs are working on contingency safety evacuation and relocation plans.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:**

14. ADRA has started to distribute 16,000 bags of school supplies (filled with pencils, books, etc) to schools in the Meulaboh area.
15. ADRA has arranged to distribute 120 tents through CRS to families in the greater Meulaboh area.

**SECURITY**

16. *No updates.*

**SRI LANKA**

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17. In Sri Lanka, approximately 90% of the tsunami-displaced have also been displaced in the past by the conflict, leaving them particularly vulnerable.
18. The government of Sri Lanka promised this week to designate sufficient sites to build 10,000 transitional shelters by April 10. Of the projected 10,000 shelters, about 4,000 have already been erected.
19. By 31 May the Sri Lankan government hopes to construct a total of 30,000 shelters.
20. WFP is sending specialists to Ampara and Batticaloa to determine if it is possible to purchase local rice for its relief operation, because the rice harvest is expected to be better than normal this season.
21. The World Bank has announced a doubling of its commitment to Sri Lankan tsunami relief from USD\$75 million in emergency credits and grants to USD\$150 million.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA**

22. *No updates.*

**INDIA**

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23. Local authorities and hoteliers on the Andaman are being urged to work out effective evacuation plans to prevent tsunami deaths.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:**

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

**THAILAND**

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25. Hundreds of Moken sea gypsies are facing cultural, identity crises. They are scared to go out to sea, have no houses, fishing boats and money, and have lost most of their elders who carried with them knowledge about their culture and shipbuilding.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:**

26. *No updates.*

**COORDINATION:**

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

29. The coordinating office is in regular contact with all the implementation offices and will revert with further information as it becomes available.
30. 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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