

**Tsunami Response Report No. 2**  
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand

This report is based on the information provided by the ADRA country offices of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, and media reports.

**SITUATION IN BRIEF:**

1. The total death toll within the affected countries may now be as high as 155,000 with tens of thousands still missing. The current confirmed death tolls are: Indonesia 94,081; Sri Lanka 30,196; India 9,479; Thailand 5,046; Somalia 142; Burma 53; Maldives 74; Malaysia 67; Tanzania 10; Seychelles 1; Bangladesh 2; and Kenya 1. The United Nations states that the total death toll may never be known.
2. Damage to transport and communications infrastructure in Aceh are severely hampering relief operations in the worst affected areas.
3. The largest number of deaths and most significant damage is reported to have occurred along the west coast of Aceh province on the island of Sumatra. In the area around Meulaboh (where ADRA is preparing operations), the Red Cross today reports that 40,000 people – about 80% of the population may have been killed by the Tsunami. The survivors are in desperate need of assistance.
4. To date government pledges of aid have totaled over \$2 billion; Japan has offered \$500 million, and the United States 350 million.

**INDONESIA**

5. ADRA is one of the only NGOs (together with the Red Cross) currently working in Meulaboh on the west coast of Aceh province. Many NGOs have focused on the east coast and Banda Aceh, a city devastated by the tsunami and earthquake, but with greater accessibility than the west coast towns. ADRA has focused on the west coast area around Meulaboh in an attempt to provide necessary relief supplies to the population hardest hit by the disaster and subsequently the most inaccessible. It appears as though a significant portion of the population along the west coast has been lost, thereby affecting the scope of activities possible, however the needs of the surviving population remain great.
6. The assessment team reports scenes of devastation with little left standing along the coastline, roads and bridges destroyed, and survivors being transported to internally displaced people (IDP) camps by military helicopters.
7. Access to the area is only possible by light aircraft or helicopter due to the small airstrip and damaged bridges.
8. Food is being delivered by military helicopters.
9. Immediate relief needs are medicines which are en-route, infant formula, water purification in IDP camps, and repair to public buildings and housing.
10. ADRA is coordinating with the authorities on the ground and have been provided focus activities.
11. The IDP camps are currently located in public buildings still standing, but plans are being implemented to develop a more appropriate site in which people can be relocated. ADRA has been requested to assist with establishing an IDP camp for 12,000 people.
12. Diarrhea is being reported within the IDP camps, indicating that the environment is presenting a public health risk.
13. Reports indicate that the authorities may be planning to evacuate Banda Aceh to relocate the population to a temporary IDP camp.
14. Damage to infrastructure has caused massive logistical difficulties. Huge stockpiles of supplies were observed at Medan airport.

## **SRI LANKA**

15. ADRA was the first on the ground in Sri Lanka with a water and sanitation team. This team has assessed the needs in the south and prepared projects for funding.
16. ADRA is operating a water purification unit that can produce 50,000 liters/day. An additional unit will be provided to ADRA by the Government of Sri Lanka to operate. 2 additional units will be arriving that each process 15,000 liters/day including salt water. In addition, ADRA has 300,000 water purification tablets that can be used as required.
17. ADRA will be assisting in the task of removing and burying badly decomposed bodies that are currently posing a major health risk. ADRA is importing 200 foggers to clean and deodorize bodies and areas where bodies have been decomposing, and will assist a team in safe processing and burial of large numbers of bodies. ADRA is also preparing to assist the government of Sri Lanka to monitor mass grave sites in order to ensure they do not present a public health risk.
18. ADRA is providing services in the region from Galle to Hambantota.
19. ADRA is currently undertaking an assessment of the need for additional medical personnel following reports that this need may now be adequately served.
20. ADRA has placed medical teams on standby in case of the outbreak of a major public health epidemic in the affected regions.
21. ADRA is establishing a field office in Tangalle on the coast between Matara and Hambantota on a site donated by the Government of Sri Lanka.
22. Signs of severe psychological trauma are emerging due to losses and devastation caused by the Tsunami, and ADRA is now in dialogue with the Government of Sri Lanka to investigate means by which they can cooperate to assist mental health specialists.
23. Activities related to the distribution of medical aid are ongoing.

## **THAILAND**

24. The ADRA Thailand assessment team have split into 3 groups to cover a greater amount of territory.
25. 1 group has reported the scenes observed in Ban Nam Kem, and Thai village that was nearly completely destroyed in the Tsunami where the water reached as far as 1km inland.
26. The team have conducted interviews with people that have lost their whole families and all their belongings. Bodies of family members were found 1 km from the location they were when the Tsunami hit the coast.
27. The Government of Thailand is assisting extensively in the area, and will take responsibility for rebuilding and refurbishing people's homes.
28. Reports received by the assessment team indicate that the conditions on outlying islands where the government is said to be the only responding entity may require more urgent attention, however boats along the coast were lost or destroyed in the Tsunami and arranging passage to the islands has proven difficult.
29. ADRA is assessing the livelihood issues that appear to be a large concern for the remaining inhabitants of the coastal towns. Boats and fishing equipment, the tools of the primary industry in this area, have been completely lost and account for a substantial investment. ADRA is exploring means by which they can assist these people to restore their livelihoods.
30. In Thailand also, the signs of psychological distress are emerging and may prove an area for attention during the next period of activity.

## **COORDINATION:**

31. The coordination office continues to assist in the relocation of staff to the affected areas, the channeling of information, and the planning of activities. With the arrival of the Human Resource Manager tomorrow the coordination office should be operating at its required capacity.

32. All contacts should be addressed to the relevant person as detailed below. Please copy all contacts below for correspondence regarding funding availability.
33. 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.
34. The coordinating office is in regular contact with all the implementation offices and will revert with further information as it becomes available.
35. 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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