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**Tsunami Response Report No. 6  
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand**

*ADRA International and the Tsunami Command Center commend the world SDA church for its official action this week to provide special funding to assist SDA church members and SDA churches affected by the Tsunami. This special action will ensure that SDA members are cared for by the church and that ADRA's adherence to the SPHERE Code of Conduct remains intact.*

This report covers the operational period spanning from 7 January to January 9 and is based on the information provided by ADRA country offices in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, media reports, and UN and other NGO reports.

**SITUATION IN BRIEF:**

1. Two weeks after the disaster the total death toll is being reported in the international media to be 163,000 with the numbers of missing increased again in Indonesia. The Red Cross still anticipates the figure to rise to over 194,000. The current confirmed figures are:

Country	Deaths	Injured	Missing	Homeless	Damage	Affected Areas
<b>Indonesia</b>	98,489	1,051 inpatients 22,242 outpatients	6,700	474,619	172 sub-districts and 1550 villages destroyed	Aceh: Districts (14 out of 21); 1mil people
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	30,513	15,683	3,846	834,849		Affected families (212,223), houses (103,753)
<b>India</b>	9,682	3,281 (in Tamil Nadu only)	5,914	627,119	Dwelling units (153,226), villages (894), 4,171ha cropped areas	Affected districts/islands (40)
<b>Thailand</b>	5,288	8,475	3,716	8,500 evacuated to other islands		
<b>Somalia</b>	298					1,975 completely destroyed houses
<b>Maldives</b>	82	1,313	26	8,352		
<b>Malaysia</b>	68	73 inpatient 694 outpatient		3,205		
<b>Myanmar</b>	64	43	3		592 houses of 17 villages destroyed	16,720 affected families

2. The Red Cross has maintained their estimate at more than 520,000 injured, 1,726,000 displaced, and over 1,026,000 homeless. These figures are still expected to increase.
3. Relief is now reaching more of the affected populations but there are still some areas in Aceh that have not been reached.
4. No outbreak of disease has been reported.
5. The UN yesterday launched a Flash Appeal for \$977 million to support people in Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Seychelles, Somalia, and Sri Lanka for six months.

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6. The general situation in Aceh Province is stabilizing and improvement is apparent.
7. In the last 24 hours four tremors measuring from 5.5 to 6.2 on the Richter scale were recorded in the area.

8. Indonesian authorities have taken steps to protect displaced or orphaned children from traffickers after the disaster, barring people from leaving the country with children under 16 from Aceh province.
9. The UN estimates that more than 1 million people require immediate assistance and 2 million will require longer-term rehabilitation assistance.
10. A rapid needs assessment of the Meulaboh Hospital was undertaken by the US Navy Surgical Team 5 during the past days. The hospital has not detected epidemic levels of any diseases.
11. Half of Banda Aceh is reported to have electricity.
12. Government authorities estimate that 82 percent of the roads were destroyed in Aceh, less than 1 percent of the sanitation infrastructure is working, 80 percent of electricity infrastructure has been destroyed, and nearly 79,000 phone lines damaged.
13. Diseases reported in IDP camps remain as previously reported.
14. Measles vaccinations commenced on January 5.
15. A disease surveillance team is being established in Banda Aceh including mobile laboratory facilities.
16. There are approximately 10,000 camps in Banda Aceh. The largest public health priority remains delivery of safe drinking water, however field reports suggest that water and sanitation has been a primary focus of camp activities over the past few days.
17. Psychosocial and mental health problems are stated by the WHO to underlie all illnesses being observed in Aceh Province.
18. Reports from Aceh province indicate that 8 hospitals were damaged as well as the Provincial Health Office and 77 health centers. Fifty percent of the health facilities in the province have been destroyed or damaged and half of the provincial health office staff is either dead or missing. Three out of 6 health centers are partially functioning. The camps in Banda Aceh are being served by mobile health services but only limited services are reaching outside.
19. The National Coordination Board for Disaster Management is calling for oxygen supplies, baby food, medical teams and supplies including specific medical equipment and vaccines against tetanus and measles, as well as emergency shelter, hygiene kits, generators and communications systems.
20. Coordination in Aceh is improving rapidly.

**ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:**

21. The Medan Command Center continues to coordinate ADRA activities in the region. The operations have been reinforced with the arrival of additional staff in the past 24 hours.

*Medical Response to northern coastal region of Aceh Province*

22. The medical team is now stationed at Indrapuri Public Health Centre, 25km from Banda Aceh.
23. Communications with the team remains difficult.
24. The team has spent today traveling to IDP camps to assess needs and provide medical services in the field. They are considering options to set up clinics and relocate the hospital to a higher priority area. The team has been coordinating with the Health Department.
25. The team is expecting to assist victims with wound treatment, fractures, psychological trauma, stress, infections, and malnutrition. Later they will look into the needs for longer term care and appropriate management.

*Meulaboh*

26. ADRA continues to maintain a presence in Meulaboh to coordinate relief efforts with the other agencies now present.

27. A group of 40 teachers and headmasters are meeting today to plan recovery activities for education. Before the disaster there were 2,000 teachers in the area, now hundreds are missing and 72 are confirmed dead. There are currently 8,500 school children in the IDP camps. The teachers group is searching for the other teachers while deciding on the immediate needs to enable children to return to normal activity as a means to addressing the psychosocial needs of this vulnerable group.
28. All schools in the area were either damaged or are now being used as IDP camps, so no educational facilities are currently available. ADRA has today ordered 50 large tents that can be used for holding classes, and will assist the teachers group to source the materials they require to commence classes. The tents will be delivered next week, and once the group has provided their list of needs to ADRA an order will be placed. ADRA is also planning to procure an additional 150 family sized tents.
29. ADRA is planning to provide tetanus vaccines to the Meulaboh Hospital as this was identified as an urgent need. Pending confirmation of a cold chain, the vaccines will be delivered tomorrow.
30. The team today has been assessing appropriate locations within the camps for the temporary schools. ADRA has gained a leading role in addressing the supply needs for education, and is coordinating closely with other agencies on the ground.

## **SRI LANKA**

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31. Rain is continuing to cause difficult road conditions and is exacerbating already poor sanitation conditions.
32. The water and sanitation facilities appear quite satisfactory in some areas, however in others such as in Batticaloa the situation is reported to be poor. Sanitation facilities are inadequate, and some camps in the area are still experiencing a shortage of drinking water.
33. Hygiene education is a high priority.
34. Provision of drinking water, filtration, or well rehabilitation remains an ongoing need.
35. No outbreak of disease has been reported.
36. Rumors of an outbreak of measles were proven to be unfounded. Rumors of mumps were unsubstantiated, and diarrhea continues to occur in isolated cases only.
37. The situation of the health service delivery in Ampara district was described by the WHO today as 'dire'.
38. The Ministry of Urban Development and Water Supply is providing guidelines for water and sanitation facilities in camps.
39. Security concerns are arising for the Batticaloa area.

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

40. Daily updates are posted on the ADRA Sri Lanka website at [www.adrasrilanka.org](http://www.adrasrilanka.org).
41. The Tangalle field office is now close to completely set up.
42. A new field office in Balapitiya (near Galle) is now also being established.
43. Approval has been granted for funds to enable the disinfection and deodorizing of coastal areas in cooperation with the government.
44. ADRA is partnering with Heart to Heart to provide a shipment of water purification units that are due to arrive tomorrow.
45. Medical aid distribution is ongoing. Helicopters will aid in an airlift of supplies tomorrow.
46. A medical team is being organized to assist in the IDP camps.
47. Approval has been provided for distribution of food and NFI to IDPs in 17 camps.

48. A required staffing list has been established and recruitments are being made for positions related to finance, logistics, water and sanitation, civil engineering, and primary health.

## **INDIA**

### *Situation Report*

49. Situation remains as previously reported.

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

50. Updates on activities are posted on the website at [www.adraindia.org](http://www.adraindia.org).
51. The feeding program in Tamil Nadu is continuing as previously reported.
52. ADRA India is also proposing to run an IDP health project in the Pondicherry and Karaikal region and Andaman Islands.
53. ADRA is planning to address immediate medical requirements including vaccination, inoculation of cattle, chlorination of wells, and the distribution of anti-cholera tablets.
54. ADRA India is also planning to form a team of two doctors, three trained nurses, and two psychologists, to provide services to at least 60,000 people.
55. Plans for the sanitation project remain as previously reported.
56. The project to deliver NFI and health education to IDP camps on the Andaman Islands has been approved and will begin next week.
57. The assessment team has returned from the island and provided their report. Damage is confirmed to be greatest on the south side of South Andaman and Little Andaman Islands. The international media is reporting high death rates on Nicobar Islands, however access has remained closed to ADRA and many other NGOs. During the course of the implementation of this project, ADRA will continue to seek entry to the Nicobar Islands.
58. The assessment team has been coordinating with MSF to ensure there is no overlapping of services. Official coordination remains limited.
59. The assessment team reports significant damage to housing and some public infrastructure, and big losses of fishing equipment.

## **THAILAND**

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60. No reports of disease outbreaks. No sign of cholera detected in official sampling being undertaken by the health department
61. The National Operations Center in Phuket has now transitioned from recovery efforts to reconstruction, including clean-up of debris and rebuilding of homes.
62. A resumption of fishing fleet activity has been reported and schools are active across all affected provinces. Damaged schools are being rehabilitated.
63. Reports indicate that 100 people from Myanmar died in Thailand as a result of the Tsunami, and 1,000 are still missing.

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

64. ADRA continued its assessment as reported previously and has traveled to new areas today.

### **COORDINATION:**

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

66. 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.
67. The coordinating office is in regular contact with all the implementation offices and will revert with further information as it becomes available.
68. 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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