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Tsunami Response Report No. 8
 Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand

This report covers the operational period from 11 January to 12 January and is based on the information provided by the ADRA country offices of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, media reports, the UN and other NGO reports.

SITUATION IN BRIEF:

1. Three weeks after the disaster the national media is reporting the death at 163,000 with the numbers of those missing again increasing in Indonesia.
2. The Red Cross estimates that deaths are over 159,000 (this figure is now anticipated to rise to over 189,000), with over 24,000 missing. Some 2.2 million people have been displaced while over 1,026,000 are believed to be homeless. These figures are expected to increase.
3. The current confirmed figures are as follows:

COUNTRY	DEATHS	INJURED	MISSING	HOMELESS	DAMAGE	AFFECTED AREAS
INDONESIA	104,055	1,443 hospitalized 22,242 outpatients	10,088	655,144	172 sub-districts and 1550 villages destroyed 21,659 houses destroyed	Aceh: Districts (14/21); 1 M people affected
SRI LANKA	30,721	14, 573	4,951	545,492	91,749 fully damaged houses and 25,731 partially damaged houses	About (103,789) families; houses (103, 753)
INDIA	10,136	3,324 (in Tamil Nadu only)	5,630	645, 034	897 villages, 157,393 dwelling units, 4314 HA of cropped area, and 1.56B USD	2260 KM of coastal land; 3.6M people affected
THAILAND	5, 305	8, 457	3,498	8,500 evacuated		6 Provinces W of coast
SOMALIA	150		283		1,975 completely damaged houses	18,000 households. 650KM of coastline
MALDIVES	82	2,214	26	21,663	1/5 of islands have no clean water	20 Inhabited islands with 100,000 people
MALAYSIA	68	73 inpatient 694 outpatient	6	3,205		NW states of Penang and Kedayh
MYANMAR	60-80	43	3	3,205 homeless/ households (638)	592 houses of 17 villages destroyed	10-15,000 affected long- term. 5-7000 directly affected

Source: WHO, UN, IFRC, media reports.

4. Relief efforts are still critical: Some populations in remote areas in Banda Aceh Province in Indonesia remain difficult to reach.
5. Treating injuries from the tsunami and earthquake is still a concern.
6. In India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka, reconstruction efforts starting simultaneously with the relief efforts.

7. No disease outbreaks have been reported. Isolated cases of measles in Aceh prompted an immunization campaign.
8. Access to safe water and sanitation remain of critical concern.
9. An effort is underway to support countries in rebuilding public health infrastructure, while guiding and coordinating public health efforts among national authorities, other UN organizations, NGOs, the civil and military sector.

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10. Many people living near the coast in Aceh, Indonesia, have not yet been reached systematically by outside assistance following the earthquake and tsunami on 26 December. There is an urgent need to assess the health needs of these people, many of whom have untreated injuries and are living without access to clean water, food and shelter.
11. The general situation in Aceh Province is stabilizing and improvement is apparent; no outbreak of communicable diseases has been reported. Diseases reported in IDP camps remain as previously reported. In addition, a disease surveillance team is being established in Banda Aceh including mobile laboratory facilities.
12. There are many people who have been staying in houses with friends and families whose houses are still standing, and are unaccounted for but still need aid and assistance.
13. The U.N. has identified three priorities for Indonesia: to assist displaced persons in formal and informal camps; to support local authorities in establishing relocation centers according to Sphere standards 2; and to assist vulnerable people, even in difficult to access areas.
14. Government of Indonesia officials have requested that countries send teams with medical expertise, mobile clinics, and/or ambulances, rather than additional field hospitals. The GOI has identified the following needs: disinfectant, antiseptics, and food for infants and young children.
15. Half of Banda Aceh is without electricity. The Indonesian Electric Company (PLN) has transported several drums of fuel to operate the generators at the coastal town of Lamno. There is no electricity in Calang due to lack of generators. About 200 individual generators are already operating in Meulaboh.
16. Measles vaccinations commenced on January 5, but may be hampered by lack of access to BioFarma, a nationally sourced vaccine and the only one Indonesia's government permits.
17. Banda Aceh lacks basic sanitation which runs the risk of promoting mosquito breeding. There are currently no resources available to tackle breeding sites or to set up effective vector controls.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDONESIA:

18. 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

19. ADRA Indonesia is opening a second clinic in Lhokseumawe (400 KM from Medan), where there are 8,000 IDPs. At this time there is only one health center in the area with one doctor on staff.
20. ADRA Spain is sending a container of supplies into Banda Aceh. They are asking Medan Adventist Hospital for help in retrieving, transporting and distributing the supplies.

Meulaboh

21. ADRA continues to maintain a presence in Meulaboh to coordinate relief efforts with the other agencies now present.
22. Equipment to treat acute respiratory infections and damaged lungs has been sent by charter flight and arrived yesterday, Jan. 11.

23. ADRA Indonesia met with the Meulaboh Education Department and is working on a Memorandum of Understanding in regards to repair and reopening schools (some of which are being used as temporary housing) and supplying the 50 tents that arrived today, Jan. 12, as a temporary structures for the elementary schools. ADRA is hiring two teachers to help facilitate the process.
24. UNICEF has asked ADRA to be the lead agency in the repair and refurbishing of schools (junior high and senior high) and to help coordinate the donated supplies, logistics and liaisons with Education officials in Meulaboh and NGO's.

SRI LANKA

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25. The number of displaced persons continues to decline (545,492 compared to more than 850,000 on 29 December).
26. Preliminary figures indicate that 22,940 (81 percent of all fishing vessels) were lost or damaged. The fishermen population suffered 7,573 deaths; 5,686 missing and 90,657 displaced; 10 out of 12 major fishery harbors were damaged.
27. Materials urgently needed are pumps to empty out well water, chloroscopes, water testing field kits, and chemicals for water testing and hygiene awareness posters.
28. Most districts have its own coordinating systems and that water boards are engaged in relief activities. The Ministry of Urban Development and Water Supply is providing guidelines for water and sanitation facilities in camps.
29. UN Development Program is primarily focused on coordination and psycho-social concerns but will also look at shelter, livelihoods, and environmental needs.
30. UNICEF is supporting all school requirements in a campaign to enable the Ministry of Education to re-open schools on 20 January 2005.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN SRI LANKA:

31. A medical team arranged through ADRA Hungary is in Sri Lanka. Currently they are in Kalmunai in the east and are set to work in that area for their first assignment. They will be here for 10 days. This team consists of 2 doctors, a nurse, and a social worker.

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32. No outbreaks of communicable diseases or epidemics have been reported. Three sporadic cases of typhoid and chickenpox have been reported in the affected districts of Kerala. Immunization of children aged 6 to 59 months has been completed in all districts affected in Tamil Nadu. Children have been vaccinated for measles in affected areas and 14 cases were reported in the district of Cuddalore.
33. The Ministry of Home affairs is providing 17 fogging machines with operators to tackle mosquito breeding. 873 metric tons of water has been airlifted to the A&N Islands to date. Temporary water supplies have been re-established though airdropping continues is still necessary in remote areas. ADRA's response in India.
34. The Ministry of Home affairs, which is coordinating relief measures, has instructed that transportation of relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction materials to tsunami affected areas be made available free of charge. This applies to NGOs and other organizations as well as state bodies.

ADRA'S RESPONSE IN INDIA:

35. ADRA India left yesterday, Jan. 11, to the Andaman Islands to set up shelters for 200 families and health education for children. The project to deliver NFI and health education to IDP camps on the Andaman Islands has been approved and will begin next week.
36. ADRA will send a team to Andrah Pradesh to assess the needs of the fishing villages and see what types of nets and boats are needed.

THAILAND

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37. The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) will assist Burmese refugee victims of the tsunami in southern Thailand who are not receiving disaster relief assistance. Media reports estimate that as many as 1,000 Burmese in southern Thailand were killed, 1,000 are still missing, and many more have lost their livelihoods and are homeless.

ADRA’S RESPONSE IN THAILAND:

- 38. ADRA Thailand will assist with the reconstruction of the Kamala District School on a different site.
- 39. ADRA Thailand is working in partnership with Mission Hospital Phuket in the development of additional interventions for the long term support of Tsunami victims. These interventions will focus predominantly on the physical and psychological needs of those affected by the Tsunami.

COORDINATION:

- 40. All contacts should be addressed to the relevant person as detailed below. Please copy all contacts below for correspondence regarding funding availability.
- 41. 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.
- 42. The coordinating office is in regular contact with all the implementation offices and will revert with further information as it becomes available.
- 43. 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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