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## TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION

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*USAID Administrator Andrew S. Natsios and John Watson, President of Chevron International Exploration and Production at the announcement of the \$10 million public-private alliance to support vocational training. Witnessing for the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Aburizal Bakrie.*

**Photo USAID/Harry Edwards**

### INDONESIA

#### **USAID and Chevron announce \$10 million public-private alliance to support vocational training**

On May 26, USAID and Chevron Corporation announced a \$10 million public-private alliance to support immediate and long-term vocational training needs in Indonesia. The alliance supports the Government of Indonesia's plan to assist in restoring livelihoods following the devastating tsunami.

USAID Administrator Andrew S. Natsios and John Watson, President of Chevron International Exploration and Production, announced the Vocational Training

Alliance for Aceh at a signing ceremony at the US Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC. The partnership will develop training programs to build local capacity and provide the people of Aceh with needed skills.

### INDIA

#### **Computer classes excite youth**

USAID is supporting recreational and educational activities for youth in tsunami-affected Periyakalpet, Pondicherry district. At a learning center established in the village, 36 young girls are working to obtain a diploma in computer applications, including Excel, Powerpoint, Paintbrush and Word. Other youth are taking sewing and driving lessons or organizing sports events and festivals.



*Young girls practice computer skills at the local computer center.*

**Photo USAID/Nina Minka**



*Fatima, left, and Abdullah outside their new chicken coop provided under a USAID grant.*

**Photo USAID/Sarah McNiece**

## **SRI LANKA**

### **Tsunami-displaced chicken farmers get second chance through USAID**

Before the tsunami wiped out their business, poultry farmers Abdullah and his wife Fatima made a decent living in the east coast town of Pottuvil earning \$3.50 per kilo selling chicken from a flock of 500 birds. A USAID livelihood restoration grant provided the couple with cash for 100 chicks to restart their enterprise. Working through a local poultry association, Abdullah received the chicks on the condition that he gives ten adult birds to another displaced association member once the chicks have reached maturity. They also helped him rebuild his coop and provided him and other

farmers with training in poultry care and marketing, and veterinary services. Abdullah says he anticipates a profit of \$2 per bird, and hopes to be back to 500 birds within a year's time.

### **Disability project addresses tsunami reconstruction**

Hundreds of Sri Lankans survived the tsunami but were left with disabling injuries such as paralysis or amputations, adding to the inordinate number of disabled resulting from two decades of war. A new \$250,000 grant will assist builders in the cost of making new construction of public buildings accessible through features such as wider doors, bathroom railings, and textured crosswalks.

### **FAST FACTS: U.S. ASSISTANCE AS OF JUNE 1, 2005**

Total USG Humanitarian and Recovery Assistance Pledged:	\$350,000,000
Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 81,851,169
Total USAID/FFP Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 22,466,900
Total USAID/ANE Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 5,372,944
Total USAID/ANE Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Assistance Committed:	\$ 18,462,915
Total USDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 12,000,000
Total State/PRM Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 200,000
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$140,353,928

For more information on the tsunami and USAID's work, please see "Tsunami Relief" at [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov).