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ASIA AND THE NEAR EAST

TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION

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Project Concern International mobile health volunteer performs hernia surgery aboard a boat used as a mobile clinic down the west coast of Aceh.

Photo: Project Concern International/Indonesia

INDONESIA

Mobile vital health service saves lives

With USAID support, vital health services are being provided to greater Banda Aceh and isolated communities along the west coast in Aceh Besar and Aceh Jaya that were initially only accessible by boat or on foot. Four mobile clinics, each with a doctor, two nurses and a mid-wife, are utilizing mini-van ambulances, motorcycles and boats to provide life-saving medical services to remote, underserved areas. The mobile clinics are operated by a Project Concern with support from volunteer doctors and nurses.

Over 5,000 patients have been treated and 40,000 people have been provided with access to health services. The mobile health clinic services are being integrated with cash-for-work projects in the area (also funded by USAID) to help with long-term recovery and reconstruction activities.

State of Emergency to be lifted in Aceh

The Government of Indonesia announced that it will lift the state of civil emergency on May 18. The return to normal civilian order will help create a more conducive atmosphere to advance Aceh's rehabilitation and reconstruction.

FAST FACTS: U.S. ASSISTANCE AS OF MAY 18, 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.



INDIA

Livestock commerce provides alternative incomes

The Dalit community in the village of Thenapattinam in Nagapattinam district has developed livestock commerce as an alternative source of income under a USAID program. Previously, the community depended on agricultural labor for income. However, as a result of the tsunami, heavy sand deposits left the land unsuitable for farming.

With help from local NGO Sevai, women's groups have been formed and a revolving fund has been created to finance livestock activities.

Eighteen members have received two cows each, and five members have received ten goats each. Each member has also been given a small grant to cover shed, fodder, vaccination and insurance costs. In order to sustain the fund, the group has decided that 70% of the cost of the animal will be a grant and 30% will be a loan. The women have already started selling milk from their cows to the local cooperative, providing much needed income, as well as a source of pride, for the women.



Dalit woman proudly stands with her two new cows
Photo: USAID/Poonam Smith-Sreen

SRI LANKA

Chevron fuels vocational training for Sri Lanka

Chevron Texaco donated \$100,000 to USAID/Sri Lanka for vocational education in marine engine, motorcycle, three-wheeler, and automobile repair. With a matching contribution from USAID, the training will benefit 570 trainees in tsunami-affected areas. Local affiliate Caltex Lubricants Lanka will also make its engineers and technical staff available to USAID and the Vocational Training Authority to assist with vocational teacher training. The company plans to assist in placing graduating students in skills-appropriate jobs.

Women's NGO to administer training for construction and tourism industries

A new USAID initiative will identify, promote and offer a training program in critically needed skills in tsunami-affected Matara and Amapara districts. Targeted to school-dropouts and other young adults, the initiative promises to jump start the vocational-technical training program. USAID expects the \$125,000 grant to the local women's NGO Ruhunu Sisila Social Services Organization to train 350 beneficiaries in construction and tourism-related skills, including direct services for hotels and ancillary tourism related services such as craft making.



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Sumady with her dry goods and vegetables in her shelter shop under a portrait of her son who died in the tsunami.
Photo: USAID/Zack Taylor

‘Shelter Shop’ makes creative use of transitional housing

Sumady has always been a business woman. A resident of the eastern village of Marudamunai, she operated a small shop selling dry goods and vegetables to the local fishing families. Grieving over the death of her 13-year old son in the tsunami, she was determined to get back into business. Provided transitional shelter by USAID, she gradually economized enough to buy some dry goods and other stock and turn her shelter into a place of business as well as for eating and sleeping. The displaced community of about 100 people give her a steady, if poor, market for her goods. She is slowly expanding her inventory to better serve her customers and the memory of her lost son, whose portrait hangs in her shop.

Satellite imagery for reconstruction

USAID provided the Urban Development Authority \$54,000 worth of Global Information System satellite images of a 150-mile stretch of eastern Sri Lanka. These images will provide current information on conditions along the tsunami-affected coastline from Trincomalee to Panama. The information will be used by government authorities as well as local communities, donors, and NGOs to guide their efforts to accelerate the tsunami recovery process. The images, taken by the private sector firm Ikonos, were delivered on 35 CD-ROM discs, and are sub-meter accurate, meaning rooftops and vehicles can be made out clearly. The images will help planners decide where to locate new towns, housing settlements, and industrial development projects.



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