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INDIAN OCEAN - Earthquake and Tsunamis

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Indonesia	114,978 dead ^o , 12,070 missing ^λ	563,879 displaced ^{\(\lambda\)}
Sri Lanka	30,957 dead, 5,637 missing ^a	392,048 displaced ^a
India	10,749 dead, 5,640 missing §	112,558 displaced §
Maldives	82 dead, 26 missing ^o	10,338 displaced β
Thailand	5,354 dead, 3,113 missing •	N/A
Malaysia	68 dead, 6 missing [±]	8,000 displaced [±]
Somalia	150 dead [±]	5,000 displaced [±] , 102,000 affected [•]
Seychelles	3 dead [±]	40 households displaced ⁻

Source Legend:

Θ Government of Indonesia, Ministry of Social Affairs, 1/16/05

- λ Government of Indonesia, Ministry of Social Affairs, 1/24/05
- © Government of Sri Lanka, Center for National Operations, 1/23/05
- § Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, 1/18/05
- φ Maldives National Disaster Management Center, 1/18/05
- \pm U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 1/18/05 B OCHA, 1/20/04
- Government of Thailand, 1/20/05
- ◆ USAID's Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET), 1/12/05 □ U.N./Seychelles and USAID, 1/12/05

Total USG Humanitarian and Recovery Assistance Pledged	\$350,000,000
Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed	\$72,444,782
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed ¹	\$112.542.588

CURRENT SITUATION

Numbers Affected

• The number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the affected region continues to decrease as families return home. On January 23, the Government of Sri Lanka's Center for National Operations announced that the number of IDPs in Sri Lanka has decreased to 392,000, down from 408,000 on January 20.

Indonesia Update

- According to the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART), the response to the earthquake and tsunami disaster in Aceh Province has transitioned from an acute emergency phase to the recovery and rehabilitation phase. Acute health, water, and food needs are being met. Road transport and civilian air assets are becoming more reliable, and the need for a continued U.S. military presence to facilitate air cargo has decreased. U.S. military C-130 aircraft from Medan ended operations January 22 and C-130s in Jakarta ended operations on January 24. This coincides with a transition in the overall logistical needs of the region from emergency airlifts to a steady inflow of road and sea capacities.
- According to the USAID/DART, the key to ensuring continued progress is to establish sustainable sea- and land-based logistical networks. The U.N. is currently augmenting helicopter lift capacity and sea logistics. In addition, the U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC) reported to the USAID/DART that six staff members would be on hand as of January 22. The U.S. military, the USAID/DART, host governments, and U.N. agencies are working together to ensure an effective transition.
- On January 20, the UNJLC Regional Chief briefed the Government of Indonesia's National Disaster Management Agency on UNJLC's Concept of Operations. According to UNJLC, the government approved the concept. Technical working groups on sea and land transport are being formed to assess infrastructural and geographic obstacles, and UNJLC will work with the Government of Indonesia to develop solutions to issues such as road deterioration and restricted coastal access. Emergency repairs to road and sea infrastructure will ensure continuous access to relief supply routes during the rehabilitation and reconstruction phases.
- According to the USAID/DART, the water supply situation, while not ideal, is no longer a critical health issue in Aceh. IDPs have access to water for bathing and cooking from unprotected hand-dug wells and tankered water. Drinking water sources for IDPs include bottled water, rain water, and boiled water from unprotected sources. However, sanitation remains a serious concern, especially in Banda Aceh and along the west coast. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) is taking a strong leadership role coordinating the implementation of sanitation interventions in Banda Aceh and in Meulaboh. Good hygiene practices and the availability of water have helped

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¹ This figure includes assistance from USAID (including USAID/OFDA), the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The value of assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Defense is not included in total USG assistance committed.

- reduce the serious health risk created by the lack of latrines, according to the USAID/DART. However, unless sanitation facilities are enhanced in IDP settlements, the threat of disease outbreaks will remain.
- The USAID/DART is working to directly address the population of Aceh's transition needs by implementing programs that strengthen local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other civil society organizations. By bolstering participation of local groups, the programs funded by the USAID/DART are designed to have impact beyond the immediate phase and duration of the grant.
- On January 20, the USAID/DART traveled with implementing partner International Relief and Development (IRD) to the Bung Cala IDP camp, located several kilometers from the Banda Aceh airport. Bung Cala provides shelter to 501 IDPs from three coastal villages, and the site is preparing to receive 200 more IDPs upon the closure of an airport IDP camp. In addition, 102 IDPs from the coast are residing with host families in the village sub-district. The IDPs at the camp currently live in two school buildings, and IRD's objective is to assist the community with the establishment of a temporary camp in a field nearby so that the school can reopen by the January 26 deadline set by the Government of Indonesia. As the field floods with the heavy seasonal rains, IRD has developed a plan to improve drainage and build walkways, to install raised floors for each tent, as well as to build latrines and ensure waste removal to improve sanitation conditions. IRD is using cash-for-work projects to dig the drainage ditches, build pathways, and install latrines.
- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reported that a total of 713,450 beneficiaries have received food from its emergency operations. This represents 95 percent of its planned caseload.

India Update

- On January 21, the USAID/DART in India visited seven villages in Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu, where USAID partner ACTED is conducting livelihoods support activities, including the restocking of livestock, provision of assets, and training of self-help groups in microfinance. The USAID/DART noted that recovery activities had begun in the villages. For example, in Puddukuppam, villagers were using rubble as materials for reconstruction and repairs of homes and children are attending school. However, men stated that they were still not ready to resume fishing.
- On January 23, the USAID/DART visited GOAL activities in Pattinacherry and Silinadagar villages, Nagapattinam
 District, among the worst affected areas in India. GOAL is operating 22 community kitchens, but plans to close
 these kitchens as people either return to their homes or move to temporary settlements. GOAL also conducts health
 outreach and social and psychological programs at the kitchens. In addition, the kitchens serve as an entry point to
 monitor the welfare of the community.
- The USAID/DART visited another GOAL project site at Villumthamavadi, a combined fishing and agricultural
 community also in Nagapattinam District. GOAL is currently operating a community kitchen and plans to conduct
 cash-for-work activities in the agriculture community. The USAID/DART observed destroyed rice crops and fresh
 water ponds contaminated by the tsunami. GOAL is considering working with self-help groups on cash-for-work
 activities to rehabilitate fields and ponds.
- The USAID/DART is promoting cooperation and coordination between USAID partners involved in the tsunami response. For example, the USAID/DART has provided contact information for each of its partners and informed them of each other's activities. In addition, the USAID/DART has provided a series of monitoring tools to its partners. These tools will help to establish a streamlined monitoring system whereby information is regularly collected and shared among USAID partners and USAID. Furthermore, this system will enable partners to monitor effectiveness in reaching targets and allocating resources.

USG ASSISTANCE

USAID Regional Response

- The USAID/DART and the U.S. military continue to conduct needs assessments and provide supplies and essential logistic support for the relief efforts in affected countries.
- On January 24, USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) provided a contribution of 10,000 metric tons of wheat flour destined for Sri Lanka. This augments USAID/FFP's initial contribution of 11,220 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance to affected countries in the region. Total USAID contributions to date are valued at \$22.4 million, with additional Title II contributions valued at \$7.6 million under consideration. USAID/FFP implementing partner WFP reports more than 1.4 million beneficiaries throughout the region have received food assistance.

Indonesia

• To date, the USG has provided more than \$36.6 million in emergency food assistance, relief supplies, shelter, water and sanitation, health, livelihoods recovery, psychological and social support, logistics and coordination, and rehabilitation activities for affected communities in Indonesia.

Sri Lanka

• To date, the USG has provided approximately \$57.4 million in emergency food assistance, relief supplies, shelter, water and sanitation, health, livelihoods recovery, psychological and social support, protection and anti-trafficking, logistics and coordination, and cleanup and rehabilitation activities for affected communities in Sri Lanka.

India

• To date, USAID has provided \$3.8 million for shelter, water and sanitation, cleanup and rehabilitation, education, and cash for work activities for tsunami-affected residents.

Department of Defense (DOD) Humanitarian Assistance

• As of January 24, more than 11,400 U.S. military personnel are involved in providing relief support in the affected region. Of the 2,787 military personnel currently on the ground, 1,724 are in Thailand, 698 in Sri Lanka, 197 in Indonesia, 56 in Malaysia, and 12 in Maldives. With 15 ships and 63 aircraft, the U.S. military has delivered a total of 6,283,445 lbs of relief supplies to the governments of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other affected nations, including 37,438 gallons of water; 133,708 lbs of food; and 47,890 lbs of relief supplies in the last 24 hours.

BACKGROUND

- A magnitude 9.0 earthquake on December 26, off the west coast of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia, triggered massive tsunamis that affected several countries throughout South and Southeast Asia, as well as Somalia, Tanzania, and Kenya in East Africa. Aftershocks from the December 26 earthquake continue to occur in the region.
- Based on initial findings of USG assessment teams and on the recommendation of Secretary of State Powell and
 USAID Administrator Natsios, on December 31, President Bush committed \$350 million toward earthquake and
 tsunami relief and recovery efforts. Dollar amounts in this Fact Sheet are part of the total pledge of \$350 million
 and refer to specific funding actions that have been committed and programmed. USAID/OFDA welcomes
 proposals from qualified humanitarian assistance organizations prepared to implement relief activities in response
 to the Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami disaster. Details can be found at www.usaid.gov.

USAID REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ASIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹		
IFRC	Response to emergency appeal	Regionwide	\$4,000,000
U.S. Embassy/JTF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Regionwide	\$196,631
AirServ	Aerial assessment, transport of relief personnel and light cargo	Regionwide	\$2,436,681
WFP	Logistics, air support and coordination	Regionwide	\$5,000,000
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Regionwide	\$523,260
	Administrative		\$332,123
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO REGION			\$12,488,695
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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹		
Christian Children's Fund (CCF)	Child protection and psychological and social support	Aceh Province	\$393,188
Church World Service	Psychological and social support for children	Aceh Province	\$221,376
DAI	Immediate relief and rehabilitation interventions	Aceh Province	\$5,000,000
	\$62,688 – Muhammadiyah for school clean-up, cash-for-work program	Banda Aceh	
	\$74,725 – Yayasan Rumpun Bambu for cash-forwork and rehabilitation	Aceh Province	
	\$15,000 – SATKORLAK for disaster management training	Aceh Province	
IFRC/Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$2,100,000
Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$35,650

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Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$13,650
Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$49,750
IMC	Health	Banda Aceh	\$292,129
IMC	Mobile health units, rehabilitation of local health clinics, malaria control, and psychological and social activities	Aceh and North Sumatra	\$2,000,000
IRC	Water and sanitation, mobile health clinics, support for public health networks, and psychological and social activities	Aceh Province	\$2,564,729
SC/US	Emergency response activities	Aceh Province	\$908,942
UNICEF	Child protection and psychological and social activities	Aceh Province	\$1,500,000
USAID/Indonesia*	Emergency grants for water and sanitation, health, shelter	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$2,000,000
	\$288,533 – SC/US for emergency health, sanitation, shelter, and protection activities		
	\$237,000 – Project Concern International (PCI) for four mobile health clinics		
	\$256,000 – CARE for water purification		
	\$249,985 – WVI for shelter and household kits		
	\$285,428 – IRD for water and sanitation		
	\$250,023 – Johns Hopkins for maternal and child health		
	\$292,060 – Mercy Corps for emergency response activities		
IOM	Provision of emergency relief supplies, food, water, and medicine	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$1,000,000
UNHCR	Shelter	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$2,000,000
IRC/IOM	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$375,600
WHO	Health surveillance	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$291,500
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$256,002
	Administrative		\$84,000
TOTAL USAID/OFD	A ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA		\$21,086,516
	USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE		
WFP	3,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Sumatra	\$2,438,560
TOTAL USAID/FFP	ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA		\$2,438,560
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CARDI	Emergency response teams	Aceh Province	\$99,960
CARE	Water and sanitation	Aceh Province	\$98,889
ICMC	Targeting/monitoring of emergency relief supplies	Aceh Province	\$100,000
IOM	Logistics Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$208,452
IOM Maray Carns	Emergency relief activities Shotter health water and trauma counseling	Aceh Province	\$1,650,000
Mercy Corps	Shelter, health, water, and trauma counseling	Aceh Province	\$250,000
IRD	Emergency food assistance	Aceh Province	\$99,974

Naval Medical Research Unit	Procurement and staffing of reference laboratory	Banda Aceh	\$579,000
Nurani Dunia	Emergency relief supplies	Aceh Province	\$99,669
SC/US	Emergency relief supplies and health	Aceh Province	\$100,000
Multiple [±]	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$2,087,000
TOTAL USAID/INDO	TOTAL USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA \$5,372,94		
USDA ASSISTANCE			
WFP	9,417 MT of P.L. 416 (b) Title I emergency food assistance	Sumatra	\$7,533,600
TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA \$7,533,600			
	STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE		
IOM	Anti-Trafficking Initiatives	Aceh and Medan	\$200,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA \$200,000			
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA \$3			\$36,631,620

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹		
USAID/Sri Lanka	Emergency relief activities	Affected areas	\$100,000
USAID/Sri Lanka *	Community rehabilitation, livelihoods, and microfinance project through Nathan Associates	Affected areas	\$4,000,000
USAID/Sri Lanka *	Emergency relief activities	Affected areas	\$22,500,000
	\$356,220 – Sri Lanka Red Cross for emergency relief supplies, health, and cash-for-work activities	Ampara, Mulaitiva	
	\$1,941,787 – CARE for emergency relief supplies, water system rehabilitation	Ampara	
	\$499,849 – WVI for emergency relief supplies and shelter	Trincomalee, Ampara	
	\$403,763 – ACF/France for emergency relief supplies and water and sanitation	Trincomalee, Mulaitiva, Jaffna	
	\$630,620 – SC/UK for shelter, water and sanitation, and emergency relief supplies	Trincomalee, Matara, Galle	
	\$1,512,051 – CCF for cash-for-work and community rehabilitation	Ampara, Matara, Hambantola	
	\$1,509,477 – Mercy Corps for cash-for-work and community rehabilitation	Trincamolee, Batticaloe, Ampara, Hambantota, Matara	
	\$3,280,423 – GOAL for shelter, water and sanitation, and cash-for-work activities	Ampara, Hambantota, Matara	
	\$3,048,000 – CRS for transitional shelter, home repair, latrine construction	Batticaloa, Ampara	
	\$350,000 – American Center for International Labor for psychological and social support including anti-trafficking	All Affected Districts	
	\$1,748,120 – SARVODAYA for cash-for-work, debris clean-up, repair of buildings, and water and sanitation	Galle, Hambantota, Ampara	

^{*} USAID/OFDA funding, provided to USAID/Indonesia, will be allocated to implementing partners based on assessments.

[±] USAID/Indonesia is using existing funds earmarked for activities in Aceh Province to support grants in response to the earthquake and tsunami.

	\$1,026,185 – Shelter for Life for transitional shelter and latrine construction	Trincomalee	
	\$3,000,000 – CHF International for cash-for-work, debris clean-up, repair of schools and public buildings, latrine construction, and water and sanitation	Kalutara, Galle, Matara	
	\$1,000,000 – UNICEF for water and sanitation and emergency school kits	All Affected Districts	
	\$199,408 – The Asia Foundation for child protection and psychological and social activities	All Affected Districts	
DAI	Relief and recovery projects through DAI contract with USAID/OTI	Affected areas	\$2,500,000
IOM	Provision of emergency relief supplies, food, water, and medicine	Northern, Eastern, and Southern coastal areas	\$500,000
UNICEF	Child protection and psychological and social activities	Affected areas	\$500,000
UNHCR	Shelter	Affected areas	\$1,000,000
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$44,450
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$5,400
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$49,750
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$388,599
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$196,875
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$65,625
US Navy	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$5,225
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$267,725
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Affected areas	\$657,553
	Administrative		\$67,000
TOTAL USAID/OFI	DA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA		\$32,848,202
	USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE		
WFP	18,220 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Affected areas	\$20,028,340
TOTAL USAID/FFF	PASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA		\$20,028,340
	USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE		
NGO Consortium	Clean-up of debris	Countrywide	\$57,962
TOTAL USAID/OT	I ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA		\$57,962
	USDA ASSISTANCE		
WFP	5,583 MT of P.L. 416 (b) Title I emergency food assistance	Countrywide	\$4,466,400
TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$4,466,400
TOTAL USG ASSIS	TANCE TO SRI LANKA		\$57,400,904

^{*} USAID/OFDA funding, provided to USAID/Sri Lanka, is being allocated to implementing partners based on assessments.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹		
Prime Minister's Relief Fund	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000
IFRC/ Implemented by Indian Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000

USAID/India*	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$3,700,000
	\$650,000 – CARE for water and sanitation, cash-forwork	Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh	
	\$750,000 – CRS for water and sanitation	Affected areas	
	\$440,295 – PCI for shelter, livelihoods, training	Tamil Nadu	
	\$859,992 – WVI for shelter, cash-for-work	Tamil Nadu	
	\$297,934 – ACTED for livelihoods	Tamil Nadu	
	\$115,195 – EXNORA for cash-for-work	Tamil Nadu	
	\$250,112 – GOAL for cash-for-work and rehabilitation of agricultural land	Tamil Nadu	
	\$280,147 - FHI for livelihoods and debris removal	Tamil Nadu	
	Administrative		
TOTAL USAID/OFDA	A ASSISTANCE TO INDIA		\$3,800,000
TOTAL USG ASSIST	ANCE TO INDIA		\$3,800,000

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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE MALDIVES

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹		
USAID/Sri Lanka	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$100,000
UNICEF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$8,100
UNICEF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$44,250
UNICEF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$42,250
UNICEF	Health, nutrition, water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$1,200,000
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Countrywide	\$68,400
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVES \$1,			\$1,463,000
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVES			\$1,463,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount	
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹			
Thai Red Cross	Procurement and distribution of relief items	Countrywide	\$100,000	
	Administrative		\$167,000	
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND			\$267,000	
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND			\$267,000	

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount		
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹					
Seychelles Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000		
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES					
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES					

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount		
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹					
Malaysia Red Crescent National Disaster Management and Relief Committee	Procurement/distribution of relief items and shelter materials	Northwest Malaysia	\$50,000		
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA					
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA			\$50,000		

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount		
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹					
UNICEF	Health	Puntland	\$50,000		
ОСНА	Coordination	Countrywide	\$141,369		
UNHCR	Shelter	Puntland	\$200,000		
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA			\$391,369		
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA			\$391,369		

¹All USAID/OFDA funding represent committed and/or obligated amounts as of January 24, 2005.

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON USG RESPONSE

More detailed information on USG assistance already provided, including DOD resources, in response to the disaster may be found in previous USAID/OFDA Fact Sheets:

http://www.usaid.gov/our work/humanitarian assistance/disaster assistance/countries/indian ocean/et index.html

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

Making a Donation to Relief Efforts

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations.
- For a list of humanitarian organizations accepting donations for South Asia relief operations, please see "Tsunami Relief" at www.usaifreedomcorps.gov. Or call the Center for International Disaster Information at (703) 276-1914.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.

Additional Information

- Information on making effective donations can be found on the following websites:
 - o USAID: www.usaid.gov, Keyword: Donations
 - o The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org
 - o InterAction: "Guide to Appropriate Giving" at www.interaction.org
- Information on choosing a charity to support can be found on the following websites:
 - o Better Business Bureau: <u>www.give.org</u>
 - o GuideStar (A National Database of Nonprofit Organizations): www.guidestar.org
 - o The American Institute of Philanthropy: www.charitywatch.org
 - o Charity Navigator: www.charitynavigator.org
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

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