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# INDIAN OCEAN - Earthquake and Tsunamis

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Indonesia	120,514 dead °, 114,897 missing °	403,428 displaced <sup>o</sup>
Sri Lanka	30,974 dead, 4,698 missing <sup>a</sup>	553,287 displaced <sup>a</sup>
India	10,776 dead, 5,640 missing §	112,558 displaced §
Maldives	82 dead, 26 missing <sup>o</sup>	12,698 displaced <sup>o</sup>
Thailand	5,395 dead, 3,062 missing •	N/A
Malaysia	68 dead, 6 missing <sup>±</sup>	8,000 displaced <sup>±</sup>
Somalia	150 dead <sup>±</sup>	5,000 displaced <sup>±</sup> , 54,000 affected <sup>•</sup>
Seychelles	3 dead <sup>±</sup>	40 households displaced <sup>-</sup>

Source Legend:

Θ Government of Indonesia, 2/17/05

- © Government of Sri Lanka, Center for National Operations, 2/1/05
- § Government of India, 2/08/05
- φ Maldives National Disaster Management Center, 1/23/05
- ± U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 1/18/05
- Government of Thailand, 2/09/05
- ♦ U.N. Consolidated Appeal, 1/06/05
- □ U.N./Seychelles and USAID, 1/12/05

Total USG Humanitarian and Recovery Assistance Pledged <sup>1</sup>	\$350,000,000
Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed	
Total USAID/FFP Humanitarian Assistance Committed	
Total USAID/ANE Humanitarian Assistance Committed	\$5,372,944
Total USDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed	\$12,000,000
Total State/PRM Humanitarian Assistance Committed	\$200,000
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed <sup>2</sup>	\$122,746,667

#### CURRENT SITUATION

Regional Update

- From February 19 to 21, former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton are scheduled to visit tsunami-affected areas in Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Maldives.
- On February 17, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) announced that damage to fishing industries in India, Indonesia, Maldives, Burma, Somalia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand totaled \$520 million. FAO reported that the tsunami damaged or destroyed 111,073 fishing vessels; 36,235 engines; and 1.7 million units of fishing gear such as nets, tackle, and similar equipment. FAO estimates the cost of repairs to fishing industry infrastructure to be approximately \$200 million. FAO noted that assistance must ensure sustainable fishing in the region by not surpassing the level of fishing capacity prior to the tsunami.
- On February 17, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved an emergency fund to restore vital services and rebuild infrastructure in tsunami-affected countries and contributed \$600 million in seed money. The Asian Tsunami Fund will be used to pool contributions from other donors and deliver grants for rehabilitation efforts.

#### Indonesia Update

- According to local media sources, more than 11,500 people moved into temporary barracks in Banda Aceh, Aceh
  Besar, Sigli, North Aceh, Aceh Jaya, and West Aceh on February 15. The Banda Aceh Mayor has stated that each
  barracks consists of 12 to 20 rooms and costs approximately \$22,000 to \$27,000. According to the USAID/Disaster
  Assistance Response Team (DART), the Government of Indonesia (GOI) plans to pay host communities \$16 per
  month per person hosted. In addition, the GOI will register orphaned children and provide \$16 per month to families
  hosting children.
- The GOI estimates that approximately 400,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) will be relocated as follows: 14,000 households in barracks-style shelter at 37 sites; 11,000 households in prefabricated houses supplied by the International Organization for Migration (IOM); and 10,000 households in locations yet to be decided.
- On February 16, the Banda Aceh Mayor reported that the tsunami killed approximately 40 percent of the municipal employees and badly damaged approximately 90 percent of public buildings and offices. In addition, the tsunami damaged or destroyed 12 of 21 public health centers, 5 of 7 hospitals, and approximately 100 school buildings in the city. The Mayor stated that public services, particularly education, health and transportation, had been entrusted to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> President Bush's supplemental budget request to Congress was for \$950 million.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The value of assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Defense is not included in this figure.

- local and foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs), foreign forces, and other civilian volunteers. The Aceh Provincial Secretary has requested that civil servants return to work next week following the end of the mourning and emergency period.
- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) is developing a strategy to address food insecurity during the recovery and rehabilitation phase. Initial analysis identifies short- and medium-term food gaps through December 2005. General food distributions will be provided to IDPs as long as required (approximately one to three months) and to host communities through February. Afterwards, eligibility criteria will be developed to target those most in need.
- On February 15, international media sources reported that the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates that 8,000 children may have lost parents in Aceh, while the GOI Ministry of Social Affairs estimates the number at 10,000. Approximately 350 Acehnese children have lost both parents and are without support from an adult known prior to the tsunami. To prevent child trafficking, parents seeking lost children must successfully answer key identifying questions about their children. In addition, the GOI has suspended adoptions in Aceh and mandated that children under sixteen be accompanied by a parent when leaving the country.

## Sri Lanka Update

- The USAID/DART reports the humanitarian community is exploring the possibility of conducting general distributions in Jaffna District, to avoid disparities not only between conflict- and tsunami-affected IDPs, but also within the general population.
- USAID/OFDA partner UNICEF is the sector leader for education and health in Jaffna District. UNICEF is constructing temporary classrooms and distributing school-in-a-box kits. UNICEF has provided two 4,000-liter water trucks to the Water Board; 53 1,000-liter water tanks, buckets, and cups to schools; and cleaned and rehabilitated latrines in 38 schools in Jaffna. In addition, UNICEF continues monitoring unaccompanied children with particular emphasis on the vulnerability of tsunami-affected children. For psychological and social activities, UNICEF is working with local partners to provide recreation kits, recreational programs, and group and individual therapy. USAID/OFDA has provided \$1.5 million to support UNICEF's activities in Sri Lanka.

## India Update

According to USAID/India, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu State recently announced relief and reconstruction
assistance for affected populations. The next of kin for each deceased person will receive a relief package from the
state that includes: approximately \$230; clothing and linens; rice, kerosene, and money; and a temporary hut. The state
government also announced plans to provide fishermen with new nets and grants for rebuilding boats. In addition, the
state government plans to provide affected families with permanent housing, as well as replacement identification
cards, replacement textbooks, school supplies, and school uniforms for those in government-affiliated schools.

## Maldives Update

• According to a February 14 U.N. Country Team report, the Government of the Republic of Maldives (GORM) plans to implement a series of austerity measures designed to decrease public expenditures in response to the high cost of reconstruction activities. The new measures will reduce the number of receptions, celebrations, and tournaments hosted by government offices. In addition, the report states that UNICEF and the Ministry of Gender, Family Affairs, and Social Security are conducting a joint three-day assessment mission on psychological and social counseling in order to develop a longer term action plan, including building capacity for protective services for women and children. According to the report, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) has secured two boats for use as sea ambulances as well as 2,000 drums for hazardous waste collection.

## USG ASSISTANCE

## USAID Regional Response

As the transition from relief to recovery continues, eight USAID/DART members remain in tsunami-affected
countries. USAID/DART members are focused on monitoring USAID/OFDA's grant portfolio, coordinating with
other donors, and transitioning activities to USAID Missions.

## Indonesia

To date, the USG has provided more than \$42.1 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 nearly \$62.0 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. USAID/OFDA-funded cash-for-work and micro-finance programs are fully operational. The USAID/DART in Sri Lanka is now focusing on program monitoring and evaluation and ongoing situational assessments.

#### India

On January 31, the USAID/DART in India closed out more than four weeks of operations, after providing
approximately \$4.1 million for shelter, water and sanitation, cleanup and rehabilitation, education, and cash for work
activities for tsunami-affected residents. During the transition to the recovery phase, USAID/India will oversee
USAID/OFDA-funded programs, and USAID/OFDA and USAID/India will share responsibility for monitoring.

## Department of Defense (DOD) Humanitarian Assistance

• As of February 14, 683 U.S. military personnel are involved in delivering more than 24.5 million pounds of relief supplies and equipment to the affected region. All 411 military personnel currently on the ground are in Thailand. The U.S. military has delivered a total of 9,487,681 pounds of relief supplies to the governments of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other affected nations.

#### 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, Kenya, and the Seychelles 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 Colin Powell and
  USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios, on December 31, President George W. 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.
- On February 9, President Bush announced that he is seeking \$950 million as part of the supplemental appropriations request to support the rehabilitation and reconstruction of areas devastated by the Indian Ocean tsunami and to cover the costs of relief efforts to date. This amount includes an additional \$600 million above the President's initial commitment of \$350 million.

## USAID REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ASIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>		
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	\$1,407,081
WFP	Logistics, air support and coordination	Regionwide	\$5,000,000
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Regionwide	\$523,260
	Administrative		\$533,561
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO REGION			\$11,660,533
TOTAL USG ASSISTA	ANCE TO REGION		\$11,660,533

## USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>		
ACF/France	Water and sanitation and emergency household kits	Aceh Province	\$400,000
AirServ	Transport of relief supplies and light cargo	Aceh Province	\$200,131
CARE	Water purification	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$256,276
Catholic Relief Services	Cash-for-work	Aceh Province	\$488,435
Christian Children's Fund (CCF)	Child protection and psychological and social support	Aceh Province	\$396,728
Church World Service	Psychological and social support for children	Aceh Province	\$221,375
DAI	Immediate relief and rehabilitation interventions through local and international NGOs	Aceh Province	\$5,000,000
	\$62,688 - Muhammadiyah for school clean-up and cash-for-work in Banda Aceh		
	\$15,000 - SATORLAK for disaster management training in Aceh Province		

	\$74,725 - Yayasan Rumpun Bambu for cash-for-		
	work and rehabilitation in Aceh Province		
	\$750,000 - Mercy Corps for cash-for-work activities in Banda Aceh and Meulaboh		
	\$13,900 - LPPM for clean-up in Campus Darussalam Complex		
	\$237,000 - Project Concern International (PCI) for cash-for-work in West Aceh Province		
	\$132,000 - Panglima Laot for cash-for-work in Aceh		
	Jaya \$79,465 - BEM Sya Kuala for cash-for-work in		
	Banda Aceh \$47,802 - IOM for airport rehabilitation in Banda Aceh Airmort		
IFRC/Indonesian Red Cross	Aceh Airport  Emergency relief supplies	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$2,200,000
Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$99,050
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
IOM	Provision of emergency relief supplies, shelter, food, water, and medicine	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$1,000,000
IRC	Water and sanitation, mobile health clinics, support for public health networks, and psychological and social activities	Aceh Province	\$2,564,729
IRC/IOM	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$500,432
IRD	Water and sanitation	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$285,428
IRD	Water and sanitation, micro-finance, and livelihoods recovery	Aceh Province	\$1,499,769
Johns Hopkins/JHPIEGO	Maternal and child health	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$254,023
Mercy Corps	Emergency response activities	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$292,060
Mercy Corps	Community infrastructure rehabilitation (cash-forwork), micro-finance, and livelihoods recovery	Aceh Province	\$1,321,771
PCI	Mobile health clinics	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$236,929
PCI	Health, water and sanitation, and livelihoods recovery	Aceh Province	\$1,327,321
SC/US	Emergency health, sanitation, shelter, and protection		\$288,533
SC/US	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$901,239
USAID/Indonesia*	Emergency grants for water and sanitation, health, and shelter	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$136,766
UNICEF	Child protection and psychological and social activities	Aceh Province	\$1,500,000
UNHCR	Shelter	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$2,000,000
WHO	Health surveillance	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$291,500
WVI	Shelter and household kits	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$249,985

Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$286,002
	Administrative	Sumatra	\$114,500
TOTAL USAID/OF	FDA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA		\$26,605,111
	USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE		
WFP	3,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Sumatra	\$2,438,560
TOTAL USAID/FF	P ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA		\$2,438,560
	USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE		
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	Aceh Province	\$208,452
IOM	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$1,650,000
IRD	Emergency food assistance	Aceh Province	\$99,974
Mercy Corps	Shelter, health, water, and trauma counseling	Aceh Province	\$250,000
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 <sup>±</sup>	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$2,087,000
TOTAL USAID/IN	DONESIA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA		\$5,372,944
	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/PI	RM ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA		\$200,000
TOTAL USG ASSI	STANCE TO INDONESIA		\$42,150,215
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# USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>		
ACF/France	Emergency relief supplies and water and sanitation	Trincomalee, Mulaitiva, Jaffna	\$403,763
American Center for International Labor	Psychological and social support including anti- trafficking	All Affected Districts	\$350,000
The Asia Foundation	Child protection and psychological and social activities	All Affected Districts	\$199,408
CARE	Emergency relief supplies, water system rehabilitation	Ampara	\$1,941,787
CCF	Cash-for-work and community rehabilitation	Ampara, Matara, Hambantota, Trincomalee, Galle	\$2,310,294

<sup>\*</sup> USAID/OFDA funding, provided to USAID/Indonesia, will be allocated to implementing partners based on assessments.

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

CHF International	Cash-for-work, debris clean-up, repair of schools and public buildings, latrine construction, and water and sanitation	Kalutara, Galle, Matara	\$3,000,000
CRS	Transitional shelter, home repair, latrine construction	Batticaloa, Ampara	\$3,048,000
USAID/OTI	Relief and recovery projects through existing DAI contract with USAID/OTI	Affected areas	\$2,500,000
GOAL	Shelter, water and sanitation, and cash-for-work activities	Ampara, Hambantota, Matara	\$3,280,423
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$750,699
IOM	Provision of emergency relief supplies, shelter, food, water, and medicine	Northern, Eastern, and Southern coastal areas	\$500,000
Mercy Corps	Cash-for-work and community rehabilitation	Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Hambantota, Matara	\$1,509,447
Nathan Associates	Community rehabilitation, livelihoods, and microfinance projects	Affected areas	\$10,000,000
SARVODAYA	Cash-for-work, debris clean-up, repair of buildings, and water and sanitation	Galle, Hambantota, Ampara	\$1,748,120
SC/UK	Shelter, water and sanitation, and emergency relief supplies	Trincomalee, Matara, Galle	\$630,620
Shelter for Life	Transitional shelter and latrine construction	Trincomalee	\$1,026,185
Sri Lanka Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies, health, and cash-for-work activities	Ampara, Mulaitiva	\$356,655
UNICEF	Water and sanitation and emergency school kits	All Affected Districts	\$1,000,000
UNICEF	Child protection and psychological and social activities	Affected areas	\$500,000
UNHCR	Shelter	Affected areas	\$1,000,000
USAID/Sri Lanka	Emergency relief activities	Affected areas	\$100,000
USAID/Sri Lanka *	Emergency relief activities	Affected areas	\$95,449
US Navy	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$5,225
WVI	Emergency relief supplies and shelter	Trincomalee, Ampara	\$499,849
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Affected areas	\$657,553
	Administrative		\$82,000
TOTAL USAID/OFD	A ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA		\$37,495,477
	USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE	I	
WFP	18,220 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Affected areas	\$20,028,340
TOTAL USAID/FFP	ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA		\$20,028,340
	USDA ASSISTANCE		
WFP	5,583 MT of P.L. 416 (b) Title I emergency food assistance	Countrywide	\$4,466,400
TOTAL USDA ASSIS	STANCE TO SRI LANKA		\$4,466,400
TOTAL USG ASSIST	TANCE TO SRI LANKA		\$61,990,217

<sup>\*</sup> 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
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	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>			
Prime Minister's Relief Fund	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000	
IFRC/ Implemented by Indian Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000	
ACTED	Livelihoods	Tamil Nadu	\$297,934	
CARE	Water and sanitation, cash-for-work, and livelihoods	Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh	\$686,759	
CRS	Water and sanitation, psychological and social support	Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh	\$1,069,566	
EXNORA	Cash-for-work and water and sanitation	Tamil Nadu	\$115,195	
FHI	Livelihoods and debris removal	Tamil Nadu	\$280,147	
GOAL	Cash-for-work and rehabilitation of agricultural land	Tamil Nadu	\$250,112	
PCI	Shelter, livelihoods, and training	Tamil Nadu	\$440,295	
WVI	Shelter and cash-for-work	Tamil Nadu	\$859,992	
	Administrative		\$33,000	
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO INDIA			\$4,133,000	
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO INDIA			\$4,133,000	

# USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVES

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>		
UNICEF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$94,600
UNICEF	Health, nutrition, water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$1,200,000
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Countrywide	\$68,400
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVES			\$1,363,000
TOTAL USG ASSISTA	ANCE TO MALDIVES	<del>-</del>	\$1,363,000

# USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>		
Thai Red Cross	Procurement and distribution of relief items	Countrywide	\$100,000
	Regional administrative support		\$215,371
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND			\$315,371
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND		\$315,371	

# USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount		
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>					
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			\$50,000		
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA			\$50,000		

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES

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

## USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount		
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>					
UNICEF	Health	Puntland	\$50,000		
UNICEF	Health	Puntland	\$250,000		
OCHA	Coordination	Countrywide	\$141,369		
World Concern	Emergency Relief Activities	Lower Juba	\$392,962		
UNHCR	Shelter	Puntland	\$200,000		
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA			\$1,034,331		
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA			\$1,034,331		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>All USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amounts as of February 18, 2005.

## 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 <a href="https://www.usaid.gov">www.usaif.gov</a> or <a href="https://www.usaid.gov">www.usaif.eedomcorps.gov</a>. 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:
  - USAID: www.usaid.gov, Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: <u>www.cidi.org</u>
  - o InterAction: "Guide to Appropriate Giving" at <u>www.interaction.org</u>
- Information on choosing a charity to support can be found on the following websites:
  - o Better Business Bureau: www.give.org
  - 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 <a href="www.reliefweb.int">www.reliefweb.int</a>.