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Indonesia	105,162 dead ^o , 127,774 missing ^o	441,041 displaced ^λ
Sri Lanka	30,959 dead, 5,443 missing [□]	555,641 displaced [□]
India	10,749 dead, 5,640 missing [§]	112,558 displaced [§]
Maldives	82 dead, 26 missing ^o	12,698 displaced ^β
Thailand	5,393 dead, 3,066 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:

^o Government of Indonesia, Ministry of Health, 1/31/05

^λ Government of Indonesia, Ministry of Social Affairs, 1/27/05

[□] Government of Sri Lanka, Center for National Operations, 1/29/05

[§] Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, 1/18/05

^φ Maldives National Disaster Management Center, 1/23/05

^β Maldives National Disaster Management Center, 1/23/05

[±] U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 1/18/05

[▪] Government of Thailand, 1/31/05

[♦] 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	\$78,821,235
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed¹	\$118,919,041

CURRENT SITUATION

Indonesia Update

- On January 31, the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) in Banda Aceh met with partners implementing activities in the health and nutrition sector, including the Provincial Ministry of Health (MOH), the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and CARE International. The group discussed the results of a recent MOH/UNICEF rapid nutrition assessment, conducted in 19 sites in Banda Aceh and Aceh Besar, which indicated significant levels of diarrheal disease and global acute malnutrition (42.6 percent and 12.7 percent, respectively) and low immunization rates among the population surveyed. Malnutrition was strongly associated with poor health status and inadequate dietary intake. Recommendations include improving water and sanitation conditions, ensuring the distribution of a diverse food basket, implementing supplementary feeding programs, improving vaccination coverage, and initiating nutritional surveillance systems.
- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 59 international NGOs are operating in the health sector in Aceh Province. In conjunction with the Ministry of Health (MOH), WHO has developed an action plan to provide emergency reproductive health services, and the MOH has sent 300 midwives to Banda Aceh. An estimated 800 pregnant women are currently living in displaced person camps.
- According to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), the food pipeline is secure and distribution of a full ration will begin this month. Warehouses have been established along the west coast in Lamno, Calang, Meulaboh, Teunom, Singkil, and Simeulue, and WFP and implementing partner non-governmental organizations (NGO) are beginning to preposition food stocks in anticipation of the "big swell" phenomenon, which may hamper transport operations due to worsening sea conditions.

Sri Lanka Update

- USAID/OFDA implementing partner GOAL is constructing shelters in four divisions of Hambantota District. The shelters are estimated to last two to three years and consist of USAID/OFDA-provided plastic sheeting, a wood frame construction with corrugated metal roofing, and concrete footings to anchor the structure. The USAID/DART reported that GOAL has asked families receiving these shelters to assist with site clearing and construction.
- In addition, GOAL is operating cash-for-work and rapid impact projects in Hambantota District and is considering additional projects. Further activities may include: establishing a fisheries cooperative to repair boats; cleaning canals in areas prone to flooding; and employing rice farmers to work in a rice research center. The damage to the rice crop has left many farmers unemployed, and GOAL estimates that it may take six months for rice paddies to

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.

sustain the growth of rice. GOAL has also distributed sewing machines and is paying workers to sew mosquito nets for distribution to affected populations.

- UNICEF has ordered 36 chlorine test kits for the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL). At present, 42 public health inspectors (PHI) are working in Trincomalee District, but not all PHIs participate in field work. Fecal coliform testing is still needed, and the USAID/DART suggested that UNICEF work with USAID/OFDA implementing partner Action Contre La Faim (ACF) and the NGO Oxfam to conduct fecal coliform testing until well-cleaning and disinfection has been completed. UNICEF has been involved with latrine design and has provided 450 squat plates and 75 1,000 liter water storage tanks. According to the USAID/DART, public latrines are full and additional pumper-trucks are needed. Two pumper-trucks have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive in late February. The USAID/DART will follow-up on the provision of extra trucks for Trincomalee District with the Ministry of Urban Development and Water Supply (MUDWS) in Colombo.
- An ACF water and sanitation engineer told the USAID/DART that hygiene remains a serious concern for affected communities in Sri Lanka, and latrines that have been constructed are not being properly used. ACF has health education and hygiene promotion programs which will be reinforced to encourage hygiene practices. USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$400,000 to ACF for water and sanitation activities in Trincomalee.

India Update

- As of January 31, NGOs are developing cash-for-work programs in waste management, land rehabilitation, debris removal, shelter construction, daycare center construction, and livestock care. According to the USAID/DART, however, residents have been generally reluctant to participate in tasks outside of their regular professions. For example, the fishing community is relatively well-off, and fishermen do not view themselves as laborers. To overcome these challenges, USAID-partner non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are encouraging community leaders to focus projects on more flexible segments of the population such as youths. In addition, cash-for-work programs will capitalize on existing community ties by targeting women's self-help-groups as a means of providing women with a source of income.
- The Government of India estimates that the tsunami destroyed or damaged 10,260 hectares of crops in Andhra Pradesh State, Tamil Nadu State, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry. According to the USAID/DART, agricultural communities have received markedly less assistance than fishing communities and have begun protesting this disparity. USAID programming will help to offset these disparities by funding cash-for-work programs to rehabilitate agricultural lands and ensure that farming communities are not otherwise marginalized in the provision of assistance.
- NGO partners have reported to the USAID/DART that the cost of building shelters has increased rapidly as materials are becoming scarce. In Chennai, NGOs have discussed the possibility of developing a pool of materials in order to increase comparative advantage in the purchase of materials.

Maldives Update

- The USAID/DART reported that between January 21 and 29, two maritime vessels, deployed by the U.S. Military's Combined Support Group, delivered more than 386,000 liters of water to the islands of Isdhoo, Maabaidhoo, Mundoo, Dhabidhoo, Gan, Kaddhoo, and Fonadhoo. In addition, the ships transported approximately one million pounds of relief and rehabilitation supplies from Malé to the Forward Coordination Center on Kaddhoo, as well as to the islands of Kalhaidhoo and Maabaidhoo. The items transported included: family water kits; chlorine; hygiene kits; weighing scales; medicine boxes; medical dressing kits; bottled water; and basic food commodities.
- On January 29, the USAID/DART reported that U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is working with the Ministry of Environment and Construction and the U.N. Environment Program on developing the terms of reference for a study on the tsunami's impact on the structural integrity of the islands. According to international media reports, the Government of Maldives (GOM) recovery and development program--the so called "safe islands" program--will relocate residents of smaller islands to four or five larger islands with environmentally protected zones, taller and more structurally sound buildings, and improved public facilities such as hospitals and schools. The USAID/DART believes that the USGS study will prove useful in guiding rehabilitation programs and in facilitating the long-term planning of safe islands development.

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.

Indonesia

- To date, the USG has provided more than \$37.3 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 more than \$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.

India

- To date, USAID has provided approximately \$4.1 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 February 2, 9,745 U.S. military personnel are involved in delivering more than 22.9 million pounds of relief supplies and equipment to the affected region. Of the 1,322 military personnel currently on the ground, 1,147 are in Thailand, 161 in Sri Lanka, 12 in Indonesia, and 2 in Malaysia. With 13 ships and 49 aircraft, the U.S. military has delivered a total of 9,000,000 pounds of relief supplies to the governments of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other affected nations, including 1,595 gallons of water; 14,578 pounds of food; and 42,500 pounds 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

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
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		\$468,460
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO REGION			\$12,625,032
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO REGION			\$12,625,032

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
ACF/France	Water and sanitation and emergency household kits	Aceh Province	\$400,000
CARE	Water purification	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$256,276
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 Airport		
IFRC/Indonesian Red Cross	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, 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	\$523,260
IRD	Water and sanitation	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$285,428
Johns Hopkins	Maternal and child health	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$254,023
Mercy Corps	Emergency response activities	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$292,060
PCI	Mobile health clinics	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$236,929
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	\$256,002
	Administrative		\$114,500
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$21,760,512
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
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 [‡]	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province	\$2,087,000
TOTAL USAID/INDONESIA 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/PRM ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$200,000
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA			\$37,305,616

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

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
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, Hambantola, Trincomalee, Galle	\$2,310,294
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
DAI	Relief and recovery projects through 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, food, water, and medicine	Northern, Eastern, and Southern coastal areas	\$500,000
Mercy Corps	Cash-for-work and community rehabilitation	Trincamolee, Batticaloe, 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	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Affected areas	\$267,725
Multiple	Transport of relief supplies	Affected areas	\$657,553
	Administrative		\$167,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$37,848,202
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	18,220 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Affected areas	\$20,028,340
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$20,028,340
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
NGO Consortium	Clean-up of debris	Countrywide	\$57,962
TOTAL USAID/OTI 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 ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$62,400,904

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

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
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

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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE MALDIVES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
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 ASSISTANCE TO MALDIVES			\$1,363,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Thai Red Cross	Procurement and distribution of relief items	Countrywide	\$100,000
	Administrative		\$215,371
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND			\$315,371
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND			\$315,371

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
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

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Seychelles Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000

TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES	\$50,000
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SEYCHELLES	\$50,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
UNICEF	Health	Puntland	\$50,000
UNICEF	Health		\$250,000
OCHA	Coordination	Countrywide	\$141,369
World Concern	Emergency Relief Activities		\$392,962
UNHCR	Shelter	Puntland	\$200,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA			\$1,034,331
TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA			\$1,034,331

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

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