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Indonesia	105,162 dead [⊙] , 127,774 missing [⊙]	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 [⊙]	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 [±] , 54,000 affected [♦]
Seychelles	3 dead [±]	40 households displaced [□]

Source Legend:

⊙ 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

⊙ 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

♦ U.N. Consolidated Appeal, 1/06/05

□ 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 February 3, the USNS Mercy Hospital Ship arrived off the west coast on Indonesia between Meulaboh and Calang. The Mercy is staffed by 50 doctors, including primary care doctors and specialists, 50 nurses, and 50 other medical personnel. In addition, the Mercy has opticians, lab and x-ray technicians, water and sanitation experts, behavioral health experts, dentists, and an oral surgeon. The ship possesses advanced medical facilities, including operating theaters, intensive care units, and a 250-bed ward that can be expanded to accommodate 1,000 patients.
- On February 3, the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) attended a Ministry of Health (MOH) meeting on the morbidity and mortality indicators that are tracked by the MOH weekly surveillance system. To date, the MOH, local and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other agencies have completed 40,000 consultations. The results from week four, based on 12,752 consultations from the 14 tsunami-affected districts in Aceh Province, identify acute respiratory infection as the most reported illness (2,324 cases), followed by watery diarrhea (733 cases), other fevers above 100 degrees (247 cases), and bloody diarrhea (59 cases). No cholera cases have been confirmed in Aceh. To date, 104 cases of tetanus have been reported since the tsunami hit, but no cases have been reported since January 25.
- The USAID/DART reported that as of February 2, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) had provided measles vaccinations to nearly 78,000 children aged 6 months to 15 years. Over the coming weeks, UNICEF plans to increase its operations with the ultimate goal of vaccinating one million children. According to the USAID/DART, the campaign has reached all children in camps along the west coast, and activities are underway to vaccinate children living outside of the camps. UNICEF will also conduct a vitamin A campaign in all districts of Aceh during February.
- As of January 29, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that 1,814 teachers are dead or reported missing in Aceh, 3,000 teachers are homeless, 756 schools are destroyed, and the Provincial Department of Education has lost approximately 10 percent of its staff. Schools did reopen on January 27, however, and the Government of Indonesia (GOI) is working to ensure that children attend the nearest functional school. The GOI is currently recruiting 3,000 replacement teachers.

Sri Lanka Update

- The USAID/DART in Galle reported that the U.S. Military closed out operations in Galle District on February 1. According to the USAID/DART, the relationship between USAID and the U.S. Military was marked by good cooperation between both organizations. The Sri Lankan Military official responsible for coordination thanked the U.S. Military and USAID for their involvement in the relief effort in Galle.

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.

- The USAID/DART reported that the current concern in the health sector in Galle is the cleaning and rehabilitation of latrines in private properties as internally displaced persons (IDPs) begin to return home. In areas where homes were destroyed but latrine slabs remain, relief agencies will clean the septic tanks, pipes, and squat plates and will make minor repairs to latrines instead of constructing temporary latrines.
- From January 27 to 28, representatives from USAID/Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands conducted an assessment of Trincomalee District in northeastern Sri Lanka. According to the assessment team, 6 of 11 Divisions in Trincomalee District and more than 100,000 people were affected by the tsunami. The team noted that confusion over land rights, and in particular the issue of buffer zones along coastal areas, has hindered the recovery and rebuilding process.

India Update

- During late January, the USAID/DART and a USAID United States-Asia Environment Partnership (USAID/USAEP) Project Specialist conducted technical assessments of water and sanitation facilities and met with government officials and NGOs to assist with coordination. Through these meetings, the USAID/DART assisted in finalizing arrangements for the provision of water supply and sanitation facilities at temporary shelter sites in the Villapuram, Cuddalore, and Nagapattinam Districts of Tamil Nadu State. In addition, the USAID/DART arranged technical assistance from USAID partner CARE to disinfect and test water supplies in all 41 temporary shelter sites in Nagapattinam District.
- According to the USAID/DART, as the transition from relief camps to temporary shelter settlements continues, close coordination and careful planning in the provision of water supply and sanitation facilities will be needed. NGOs, including USAID partners Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and CARE, are taking the lead in the provision of sanitation facilities in a number of temporary shelter settlements. Although most settlements meet Sphere Guidelines² of 20 people per latrine, the lack of hand-washing stations and waste-removal services is a concern.

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. 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.

Maldives

- On January 28, the USAID/DART Field Officer posted to Male' closed out operations in Maldives. USAID staff and military personnel were stationed on the ground in Maldives since January 10, conducting assessments and coordinating and consulting with government officials. During that time, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$1.3 million for health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and emergency relief supplies.

Department of Defense (DOD) Humanitarian Assistance

- As of February 4, 3,825 U.S. military personnel are involved in delivering more than 23.4 million pounds of relief supplies and equipment to the affected region. Of the 980 military personnel currently on the ground, 846 are in Thailand, 121 in Sri Lanka, 11 in Indonesia, and 2 in Malaysia. With 2 ships and 33 aircraft, the U.S. military has delivered a total of 9,193,366 pounds of relief supplies to the governments of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other affected nations, including 3,263 gallons of water; 500 pounds of food; and 10,250 pounds of relief supplies in the last 24 hours.

² The Sphere Project was launched in 1997 by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the U.N., NGOs, and donors to develop a set of universal minimum standards for humanitarian assistance and thereby improve the quality of assistance provided to disaster-affected persons and to enhance the accountability of humanitarian agencies.

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 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, 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	\$523,260
IRD	Water and sanitation	Aceh, North Sumatra	\$285,428
Johns Hopkins/JHPIEGO	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

* 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.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
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, Hambantota, 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, 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		\$76,512
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$37,489,989
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			\$62,042,691

* 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

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

¹All USAID/OFDA funding represent committed and/or obligated amounts as of February 4, 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.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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