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Indonesia	122,232 dead [⊖] , 113,937 missing [⊖]	406,156 displaced [⊖]
Sri Lanka	30,974 dead, 4,698 missing [□]	553,287 displaced [□]
India	10,776 dead, 5,640 missing [§]	112,558 displaced [§]
Maldives	82 dead, 26 missing [⊖]	11,568 displaced [⊖]
Thailand	5,395 dead, 3,062 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, 2/21/05

□ Government of Sri Lanka, Center for National Operations, 2/1/05

§ Government of India, 2/08/05

⊖ Maldives National Disaster Management Center, 2/7/05

± 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 Pledged¹	\$350,000,000
Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed	\$82,706,823
Total USAID/FFP Humanitarian Assistance Committed	\$22,466,900
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 Committed²	\$122,746,667

CURRENT SITUATION

Regional Update

- From February 18 to 21, former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton visited tsunami-affected areas in Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Maldives. On February 18, former President Clinton stated that \$11 to \$12 billion will be needed over the next two years for tsunami reconstruction in the region. Former President Clinton advised that focus must remain on three key areas: raising more money; spending the money wisely and effectively; and ensuring that reconstruction efforts are well-coordinated.

Indonesia Update

- The USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) reports that USAID/OFDA cash-for-work programs are operational across Aceh and are focused on supporting residents of camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs). Workers are transported back to their home areas to clear debris so that populations can eventually return home and people can participate in rehabilitating their own communities. In addition, USAID/OFDA partners pay salaries to women in these communities to prepare lunches for the workers. More than 73 percent of USAID/OFDA funding for these projects goes directly to worker salaries, and the wage level insures that the most vulnerable affected populations are targeted. The majority of participants have expressed the desire to return to their original occupations; however, many must first purchase boats, vehicles, or other equipment.
- According to the February 22 report from the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Livelihoods Sectoral Working Group has established norms and standards for cash-for-work and micro-financing.
- On February 22, the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) reported that they had evacuated most of the bodies from the tsunami and earthquake. PMI expects to clear most of the bodies in Aceh by the end of February. Some bodies remain on Aceh's west coast due to a lack of volunteers and heavy equipment.
- On February 18, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) reported that bloody diarrhoea cases have increased in Meulaboh. In addition, WHO reports that measles vaccination coverage in Banda Aceh is now 60 percent. Health officials will gather in Banda Aceh to develop a plan to accelerate measles vaccination for the whole province.
- In Meulobah, WHO reports that nosocomial infection control (hospital infections) is highly unsatisfactory. For example, no medical waste management system is in place, and patients with malaria, active tuberculosis, suspected typhoid, and bloody diarrhea are all housed in the same small room.

¹ President Bush's supplemental budget request to Congress was for \$950 million.

² The value of assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Defense is not included in this figure.

- On February 21, fieldwork for the Government of Indonesia (GOI)-led Nutrition Surveillance System began in Aceh Province. Thirteen teams of eight people each have been deployed to collect baseline information on the nutritional status of the population, underlying causes of malnutrition, access to water, sanitation, and health facilities and household food security. The results of this study are expected to be available at the beginning of April.
- According to OCHA, the GOI has requested international staff working for international agencies in Aceh to apply for official identification cards from the Indonesian National Police-Tsunami Task Force in Banda Aceh. The identification cards will expire on March 26.

Sri Lanka Update

- On February 22, OCHA reported that heavy equipment is urgently needed to clear the Batticaloa Lagoon and coastline areas for fishermen to be able to resume their work.
- The February 18 WHO report states that there is increasing concern about the harassment of women, as well as domestic and alcohol abuse in Batticaloa and Trincomalee Districts. There are no guidelines about who can enter the camps, and the overall situation for camp populations is deteriorating in Ampara District. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) is currently addressing this situation. Local initiatives include increasing the representation of women's groups in the camp management committees, providing complaint boxes in camps, increasing awareness and legal or police response to documented complaints or cases.
- Following an assessment by the USAID/DART and Government of Norway, the USAID/DART reports that the issue of greatest importance in Galle and Matara Districts is the buffer zone policy that restricts families and businesses from rebuilding within 100 meters from the coast. Tourism and fishing represent the vast majority of livelihoods in Galle, and both industries require a close working proximity to the ocean.
- According to WHO, three suspected cases of bacterial meningitis have been reported in Ampara District.

India Update

- On February 21, the administration of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands announced that the Government of India has approved a package of approximately \$53.6 million to the islands as a short term relief package to revive agricultural lands. The local administration plans to reclaim two-thirds of the affected fields. The area that would remain unused would be the newly submerged lands. The total agricultural and plantation crop loss is estimated at approximately \$136.0 million.
- According to the February 18 WHO situation report, a mass health education campaign has been conducted in the Little Andamans to encourage the use of pit latrines and promote good personal hygiene.

Maldives Update

- According to a February 22 U.N. Country Team report, five temporary housing units have been built on affected islands and residents with damaged or destroyed houses have already moved into these units.
- The Government of the Republic of Maldives has stated that 86 islands need assistance reconstructing and repairing homes and shelters.

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, Combined Support Force 536 ceased operations in the tsunami-affected nations. U.S. military personnel were involved in delivering more than 24.5 million pounds of relief supplies and equipment to the affected region. 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

<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	\$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 ASSISTANCE TO REGION			\$11,660,533

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
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 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	\$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-for-work), 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		\$114,500
TOTAL USAID/OFDA 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/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			\$42,150,215

* 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
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/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA			\$37,495,477
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
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			\$61,990,217

* 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 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
	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

<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	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

²All USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amounts as of February 22, 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 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.