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INDIAN OCEAN – Earthquake and Tsunamis

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January 3, 2005

Indonesia	94,081 dead, 1,375 missing □	100,000 displaced □
Sri Lanka¹	30,196 □ (official) to 46,000* (estimated) dead, 3,792 missing □	850,201 displaced □, 16,665 injured ◇
India	9,479 dead, 5,796 missing §	364,200 displaced, 3.5 million affected §
Thailand²	5,046 dead ■, 6,384 missing □	10,469 injured □
Somalia	142 dead*	15,000 – 30,000 affected □
Malaysia	67 dead, 50 missing*	100 injured, 8,000 displaced □
Maldives	74 dead*, 42 missing □	12,200 displaced, 300,000 affected □

Source Legend:

- Government of Indonesia, January 3, 2005
- ◇ U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF), January 1, 2005
- Government of Sri Lanka, January 3, 2005
- * International Media Reports, January 3, 2005
- § Government of India, January 3, 2005
- Government of Thailand, January 3, 2005

Total USG Humanitarian and Recovery Assistance Pledged \$350,000,000
Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed \$30,203,489
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed..... \$40,503,489

CURRENT SITUATION

Disaster 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 continued to occur in the region through January 1 when a magnitude 6.5 earthquake occurred off the west coast of Northern Sumatra.

International Response

- On January 3, President George W. Bush announced a nationwide charitable giving effort. Former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton will lead the fundraising drive, which will ask American citizens to contribute directly to reliable charities already providing assistance to the affected populations.
- U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, Florida Governor Jeb Bush, and USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios arrived in the region on January 3. On January 4, the delegation will meet with U.S. military and Thai government officials before traveling to Phuket. The same day, the delegation will travel to Jakarta and possibly Northern Sumatra. On January 6, Secretary Powell will attend the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Conference, an emergency summit to improve coordination and work to overcome logistical constraints to the humanitarian response. Following the conference, the U.S. delegation plans to travel to Sri Lanka.
- To date, the international donor commitment in support of relief and recovery activities is approximately \$2 billion.

Numbers Affected

- On January 3, international media and national government sources estimated that the death toll from the December 26 earthquake and tsunamis is more than 150,000 people in South and Southeast Asia and East Africa. In addition to the thousands of dead and missing, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that between 3 and 5 million people throughout the affected region are lacking basic survival requirements.

USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) Assessments in Sri Lanka

- USAID/DART members in Sri Lanka report that cholera does not appear to be an immediate threat. According to the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health and WHO, no confirmed cases of cholera have been reported as of January 2. However, cases of watery diarrhea have been reported in an unnamed displaced camp in Ampara District.

¹ Reported casualties in Sri Lanka range from the official government total of 30,196, including deaths from Liberation Tigers of Tamil (LTTE) territory, to more than 46,000 from CNN. On January 2, CNN reported that 18,000 people were killed in opposition-controlled areas, raising the total numbers of casualties in Sri Lanka to 47,062. Also on January 6, the Tamils Rehabilitation Organization reported that more than 12,200 were killed in the same areas.

² According to OCHA, estimates of the actual number of dead in Thailand are as high as 11,000.

Internally displaced persons living in camps with limited water and sanitation facilities are at higher risk of diarrheal disease. To limit outbreak potential, USAID/OFDA, through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), is supplying household kits, hygiene kits, and water purification materials as well as supporting latrine construction in the camps. In addition, USAID/OFDA has funded the pumping and purification of contaminated wells.

USAID/DART Assessments in India

- On January 3, USAID/DART and USAID/India staff traveled to the villages of Kattapuly and Melemnakudy in Tirunelveli District in Tamil Nadu state. Following this assessment, USAID reported that the situation is moving beyond the immediate emergency phase in Tamil Nadu but that livelihoods and land tenure issues are emerging as major concerns.
- On January 2, the USAID/DART met with USAID partners Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and CARE in Chennai to discuss the USAID-funded water and sanitation activities. CRS and CARE plan to begin operations this week.

Additional USAID/DART Members Deploy to Region

- As of January 3, there are 32 USAID/DART members on the ground in the affected countries and 109 USAID Mission staff focused on relief efforts.

U.N. Assessments

- According to UNICEF on January 2, water and sanitation remain urgent needs in all tsunami-affected districts of Sri Lanka. UNICEF also reported that some districts now have sufficient water supplies, however, latrine, sewer, and waste disposal capacity remain limited.
- WHO is warning of possible epidemics in the affected countries if health systems are not repaired in the coming days. According to the U.N., water, sanitation, food, shelter, and health are priority sectors to prevent any disease outbreaks. According to WHO, between 3 and 5 million affected people do not have access to clean water, adequate shelter, food, sanitation, and healthcare. Contaminated water sources in the affected countries have increased the risk of cholera, dysentery, malaria, and dengue fever.

USG ASSISTANCE

- Based on initial findings of USG assessment teams and on the recommendation of Secretary Powell and 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 Assistance

- On December 27, USAID/OFDA provided \$4 million to IFRC for the distribution of emergency shelter materials and other relief commodities, based on the assessment and evaluation of needs in affected areas. The appeal targets 500,000 beneficiaries for 6 months. Specific activities will include the purchase and transport of tarpaulins, mosquito nets, and family kits to affected areas, as well as operational activities such as surveying and registering people for assistance. IFRC will distribute the relief items to the most vulnerable tsunami-affected households. IFRC will also work to complement local reconstruction initiatives through the provision of essential building materials and tools.
- On January 3, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$2.4 million to AirServ International for aerial assessment and transport of relief personnel and light cargo to tsunami-affected countries.

Sri Lanka

- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$13.3 million in emergency relief assistance to Sri Lanka. Through this funding, USAID/OFDA is providing emergency grants to NGOs for relief activities in affected areas of Sri Lanka. USAID/OFDA has also delivered relief commodities (120 rolls of plastic sheeting, 1,000 blankets, three 10,000-liter water bladder, and 5,400 water containers) in two airlifts. The rolls of plastic sheeting will provide temporary shelter for 3,600 beneficiaries, the blankets will serve 2,000 beneficiaries, the bladders will provide safe water for 2,100 people per day, and the water containers will serve 13,500 beneficiaries. USAID/OFDA is dispatching a third relief flight to Sri Lanka on January 4.

Maldives

- USAID/OFDA has provided \$263,000 to support relief activities and supplies for affected populations in the Maldives. To date, USAID/OFDA has delivered 150 rolls of plastic sheeting and 5,400 water containers in one airlift. These commodities will provide temporary shelter for 4,500 people and provide safe drinking water for 13,000 beneficiaries. USAID/OFDA is dispatching two additional relief flights to Maldives in the coming days.

Indonesia

- To date, the USG has provided more than \$15.6 million to support emergency relief activities and the provision of food, water, and relief supplies for affected populations in Indonesia. As part of this assistance, USAID/OFDA has funded two airlifts of relief supplies to Indonesia. The relief commodities contained in these shipments included 100 rolls of plastic sheeting, two 10,000 liter water bladders, 4,200 10-liter water containers, and 500 body bags. The plastic sheeting will provide temporary shelter for 3,000 beneficiaries, the bladders will provide safe water for 1,400 people per day, and the water containers will serve 10,500 beneficiaries. A third flight is scheduled to arrive

on January 5.

- On January 1, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), a USAID/OFDA implementing partner, reported that the first full convoy of IOM trucks containing emergency relief commodities arrived in Banda Aceh, Indonesia. The convoy included fuel, power generators, water, communications equipment, and other materials—both to support response capacity and to initiate distribution to persons in greatest need. The 20-hour drive from Medan demonstrates the feasibility of overland deliveries to the tsunami-affected province of Aceh, at least until air and sea reception facilities are significantly improved. A second IOM convoy of relief commodities was scheduled to leave Medan the morning of January 1, and a third is under preparation.

Thailand

- USAID/OFDA immediately provided \$100,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok to the Thai Red Cross for the procurement and distribution of emergency relief items following the December 26 tsunami.

India

- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$3.1 million to assist with relief efforts in India, including support for emergency water and sanitation activities. The Government of India has not issued an appeal for international assistance and has been providing relief assistance to neighboring countries affected by the disaster.

Somalia

- USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to UNICEF for emergency relief activities in Somalia.

Department of Defense Humanitarian Assistance

- The U.S. military is providing humanitarian assistance to the Governments of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and other affected nations to mitigate the effects of the recent earthquake and tsunami. The Joint Task Force-536 is operating from the Royal Thai Air Force Base in Utapao and working in coordination with international organizations, NGOs, and other donor nations. As of January 2, U.S. Air Force assets have transported a total of 430,000 lbs of food, supplies, and equipment to affected countries.
- The U.S. Navy has committed nine P-3 aircraft to fly reconnaissance missions and fly relief supplies, personnel, and equipment to tsunami-affected areas of southern Thailand, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka.
- Since December 31, helicopters from the USS Abraham Lincoln have been shuttling relief supplies into northern Sumatra and evacuating the injured.
- The USS Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group is en route to Sri Lanka. The USG has also dispatched the Expeditionary Strike Group 5, comprised of seven surface ships, five landing crafts, and 12 inflatable boats. The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps are also deploying Maritime Propositioning Ships that will carry food, water and medical supplies, heavy transport and amphibious vehicles, generators, and other equipment in relief operations, and are capable of producing 25,000 gallons of fresh water a day using onboard evaporators.
- Two military forensic teams are in Utapao, Thailand, and the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit is deploying a 31-person preventive medical team to Indonesia for disease assessment and treatment.

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	\$585,230
	Transport of relief supplies		\$910,000
Air Serv	Aerial assessment and transport of relief personnel and light cargo	Regionwide	\$2,436,681
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO REGION.....			\$7,931,911

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
USAID/Sri Lanka	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$100,000
USAID/Sri Lanka*	Emergency relief activities, Cash-for Work	Countrywide	\$12,500,000
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$44,450
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$5,400
IFRC	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$49,750
	Transport of relief supplies		\$37,926
IOM	Provision of emergency relief supplies, food, water, and medicine	Northern, Eastern, and Southern coastal areas	\$500,000
	Administrative		\$132,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO SRI LANKA.....			\$13,369,526

* USAID/OFDA funding, provided to USAID/India, will be allocated to implementing partners based on assessments.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE MALDIVES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
USAID/Sri Lanka	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$100,000
UNICEF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$8,100
UNICEF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$44,250
UNICEF	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Countrywide	\$42,250
	Transport of relief supplies		\$68,400
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE MALDIVES.....			\$263,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Sumatra	\$100,000
Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Sumatra	\$35,650
Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Sumatra	\$13,650
Indonesian Red Cross	Emergency relief supplies (In-kind contribution)	Sumatra	\$49,750
	Transport of relief supplies		\$74,002
USAID/Indonesia	Emergency grants for water and sanitation, health, shelter	Sumatra	\$4,000,000
IOM	Provision of emergency relief supplies, food, water, and medicine	Aceh Province	\$1,000,000
	Administrative		\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA.....			\$5,323,052
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	5,400 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Sumatra	\$3,300,000

TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA				\$3,300,000
USDA ASSISTANCE				
WFP	11,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance	Sumatra		\$6,000,000
TOTAL USDA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA				\$6,000,000
USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE				
Multiple	Emergency relief activities	Aceh Province		\$1,000,000
TOTAL USAID/INDONESIA ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA				\$1,000,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA				\$15,623,052

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND

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

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	
Indian Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$50,000	
USAID/India*	Emergency relief activities	Countrywide	\$3,000,000	
	• \$650,000 – CARE for water and sanitation	Tamil Nadu		
	• \$750,000 – CRS for water and sanitation	Tamil Nadu		
	Administrative		\$16,000	
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO INDIA				\$3,116,000

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USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>	
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹				
Malaysia Red Crescent and National Disaster Management and Relief Committee	Procurement and distribution of relief items, shelter	Northwest Malaysia	\$50,000	
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA				\$50,000

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>	
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹				
UNICEF	Emergency relief activities	Puntland	\$50,000	
TOTAL USAID/OFDA TO ASSISTANCE SOMALIA				\$50,000

¹All USAID/OFDA funding represent committed and/or obligated amounts as of January 3, 2005.

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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 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.