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## TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION

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### INDONESIA

**Restoring livelihoods** – Nearly 15,000 people are employed through a cash-for-work program that will benefit approximately 75,000 people in Aceh. More than 93 percent of the funds go directly to workers, giving families much needed income. In exchange, the workers repair and clear essential community sites and infrastructure, such as schools and roads. Here nearly 200 people work together to build a bridge out of coconut trees to allow cars to pass.



**Keeping families healthy** – USAID has given hygiene kits to 30,000 of those who lost their homes. These kits are distributed in combination with the home water chlorination solution in the 96 temporary camps set up in Banda Aceh, Aceh Besar and Aceh Jaya. Volunteers trained in basic health care educate families in the camps on disease prevention and the importance of clean water to stay healthy.

### SRI LANKA

**Creating jobs and new businesses** – When Kushil Gunasekera (pictured left) brought supplies from his home in Colombo to his ancestral village in the south, he was one of the first to assist. Now, thanks to volunteers like him and cash-for-work programs from USAID and other donors, villages damaged by the tsunami have materials and assistance to rebuild. USAID gives 6,000 people an income in



exchange for help with rebuilding communities. In addition, USAID's small loan program helps people start or re-start their own businesses. For many who used to earn their living from the sea, this is an opportunity for a new beginning.

**Providing sanitation systems** – Where people affected by the tsunami have lost their housing, transitional shelters are being provided through USAID funded partners. In these areas, sanitation facilities, including latrines, wash areas and watering points (water storage tanks with taps) are provided to help prevent communicable diseases.



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## INDIA

**Rejuvenating local industries** – USAID has given nearly \$3.8 million to help India recover from the tsunami. After several weeks of repairing water systems, building shelters and meeting immediate needs, the focus has turned to restarting businesses and cash-for-work projects to repair villages. The fishing industry is a major source of local employment, so it receives special attention. Seven hundred fifty families will benefit from loans and training to start their own businesses. Three thousand people, including women, will earn money through cash-for-work projects to thatch roofs and repair damaged properties. USAID will set up child care centers to enable mothers to work.

**Building latrines** – The newly built latrines pictured here are for women only to give them privacy. Water pumps and soap are provided as is instruction in basic hygiene to prevent the spread of disease.



## THAILAND

**Replacing boats and livelihoods** – The tsunami devastated the fishing industry along Thailand's western coast. More than 90 percent of fishing boats were severely damaged or destroyed.



Populations engaged in fishing enterprises are predominantly Muslim, sea gypsy and Burmese. USAID works with local craftsmen to repair and rebuild traditional long-tailed fishing boats. As they build new boats, in new fiberglass and traditional wood materials, the craftsmen train unemployed fishermen in their craft. Women in the villages receive daily wages to make nets and trap sets for boats.

Fishermen launch long tailed prototypes to evaluate them, suggest modifications, and place orders.

### FAST FACTS: TSUNAMI IN ASIA

Dead: 152,413  
Missing: 141,955  
Displaced: 1,129,938

USAID Assistance Committed: \$77,736,904

For more information on the tsunami and USAID's work to rebuild the affected communities, please see "Tsunami Relief" at [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov).