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ASIA AND THE NEAR EAST

## TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION

Update – June 22, 2005

### SRI LANKA

#### **USAID's partnership with Geneva Global expected to reach 216,000 beneficiaries**

USAID recently kicked off a partnership with the Geneva Global Foundation to provide matching contributions totaling \$3 million for at least 65 social and development projects. The projects will focus on aid to vulnerable families, youth, and children, improving health, and combating human trafficking and domestic abuse, and are expected to benefit up to 216,000 individuals. Some 200 representatives from leading NGOs operating in the country attended a conference to learn how to apply for grants.



USAID/Sri Lanka Mission Director Carol Becker (center) and team leader Ben Kauffeld (right) at the head table of the Geneva Global bidder's conference in Colombo. At left is US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Jeffrey Lunstead.  
**Photo: USAID/Ivan Rasiah**

USAID also launched another public private partnership, signing an agreement this week with Prudential Insurance for a \$500,000 donation. The funds donated by Prudential are earmarked for vocational education programs in tsunami-affected areas in an effort to boost post-tsunami economic recovery. Several other partnership agreements for Sri Lanka have already been signed, and more are in the pipeline. Including partnerships still in discussion, the present potential is for \$4.6 million in cash, commodities, and services from private sector partners, with cash contributions of \$1.68 million from USAID for tsunami-related reconstruction activities.

### INDONESIA

#### **USAID develops facilitator skills to improve local governance**

USAID is working with fifty tsunami-affected communities to facilitate participatory planning to identify local that will be met through additional USAID grant funding. Recognizing that recovery activities can easily create tensions within and between participating communities, the program uses approaches that prevent, manage and resolve potentially violent disputes.

As part of the program, USAID held a five day training to build facilitator skills in strengthening local governance and promoting quick and sustainable recovery in affected communities. The training was held at the Syiah Kuala University in Banda Aceh. During the training, facilitators strengthened their skills at helping leaders' effectiveness, especially in giving clear direction to people in their communities, moving together in that direction, motivating and empowering groups to reach goals, and lastly, resolving conflicts that occur along the way.



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## THAILAND

### Cash-for-work project to help children get back to school

USAID, in cooperation with Thai district administrative offices and non-governmental partners, recently built an elevated school passageway to provide children with safe entry to their school. The elevated walkway will prevent students from having to wade through the mud and water during the rainy season. The project is one of several USAID cash-for-work initiatives that provide income to villagers while they contribute time and labor for the redesign of local infrastructure.

*Students now have safe access to their school.*

**Photo: USAID/Suzanne Ross**

### Clean up act builds good will

In newly constructed communities for displaced persons, lack of systematic waste removal was a significant challenge to community health. In addition, district resources were constrained by the magnitude of the debris removal. Under USAID's cash-for-work program, a team of 25 persons launched a clean environment initiative, in collaboration with the District Environmental Officer. Locally made trash baskets were purchased and placed strategically in front of homes adjacent to the road for easy collection by trash removal vehicles. District officials, pleased with the villager's desire to contribute to improved practices that protect health, and the maintenance of an aesthetic environment that attracts tourism, agreed to provide weekly solid waste removal.



*Clean Environment Initiative Program beneficiary proudly displays the new trash baskets outside of her home.*

**Photo: USAID/Suzanne Ross**



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*Volunteers participate in three day workshop to educate children through the use of puppetry and games.*

**Photo: EXNORA/Mr.V.Ganapahty**

## **INDIA**

### **Teaching tsunami affected children healthy lessons**

USAID and EXNORA, a local NGO, recently launched a program to educate hundreds of tsunami-affected children living in temporary shelters on health, sanitation and hygiene. A three day workshop on how to use puppetry and games to convey messages to children was held in Nagapattinam for 70 volunteers. The volunteers are expected to organize education programs for children in the tsunami hit areas.

### **FAST FACTS: U.S. ASSISTANCE AS OF JUNE 22, 2005**

Total USG Humanitarian and Recovery Assistance Pledged:	\$350,000,000
Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 81,851,169
Total USAID/FFP Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 22,466,900
Total USAID/ANE Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 5,372,944
Total USAID/ANE Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Assistance Committed:	\$ 18,462,915
Total USDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 12,000,000
Total State/PRM Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$ 200,000
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed:	\$140,353,928

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